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WHERE IS CHIANG?

Doubts Are Cast On Flight to France Story.

A MOUNTAIN RETREAT.

Report of 18,000,000 Francs Deposited in Paris.

NATIONALIST SUCCESSES CONFIRMED.

Shanghai opinion seeks to discredit the exclusive story published in the "China Mail" last week to the effect that General Chiang Kai-shek passed through here on a French mail steamer en route for Marseilles. Local newspapers, this morning, copying the Shanghai statement, state he has removed from his native village to a quiet spot in the hills. On the top of this comes a report from the "Eastern Times" that Tan Yen-kai, a prominent member of the Wuhan Government, passed through Ningpo on September 1 on his way to Feng Hwa to call on Chiang, who was said to be staying in Soong Tien May Chung. Despite this, however, there is confirmation of the "China Mail" story in a Hong Kong despatch of September 1 which affirms that the late Nationalist generalissimo passed through on his way to France and that, previous to his departure, he deposited by cable 18,000,000 francs at a Paris bank.

A Shanghai message dated last Friday says that General Pei Chung-hsi then issued an order directing the various Nationalist armies at the front to get ready to cross the Yangtze as soon as possible.

Despite the "reliable foreign reports from the Yangtze" cabled yesterday by Reuters, it seems fairly certain that all the Nationalist successes so far claimed have really materialised and that the Northerners are no longer in occupation of Yangchow and other places north of Pukow.

SUN AT PENGPU?

Chinkiang, Yesterday.
Railway communication with Shanghai has been restored. The Customs House was occupied by troops yesterday but, on the request of the Commissioner of Customs, they were later withdrawn.

Sun Chuan-fang is now reported to be at Pengpu.

Kiukiang, Yesterday.
A Chinese despatch vessel has arrived here with troops from up-river and proceeded down-river to-day with Tang Sheng-chi and his staff.

Hankow, Yesterday.
C. C. Chang, Vice-Minister of Finance in the Hankow Government, has left Hankow.

Changsha, Yesterday.
The office of the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs has been closed.—British Naval Wireless.

Japan and China.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

A message from Tokyo says

H.M.S. "Cockchafer" and its convoy were fired at below Wuhu to-day. The fire was returned.

Nanking, Yesterday.
The Southern victory is confirmed and a large number of Northern prisoners have arrived in the City. Pukow has apparently been evacuated by the Northerners.

The Southern crossing of the river above and below Nanking is contemplated and reports indicate that the Southerners will take the offensive in the near future.

Four Northern Divisional Generals were executed in the city yesterday. Chinese are returning to Nanking and there were demonstrations in favour of Chiang Kai-shek.

Chinkiang, Yesterday.
The Northerners have suffered reverses below Chinkiang. They have withdrawn from the north bank of the river and Sun Chuan-fang is reported to be concentrated at Tungchow. The Southerners are said to be making arrangements to cross the river at Kwachow.

Other Yangtze ports have nothing to report.—Reuters.

Soldiers Disarmed.

Shanghai, Sept. 2.

The two regiments of soldiers under the command of General Yang Hu, ex-Garrison Commissioner of Shanghai, were recently sent to Zangchow to be re-organised. It is now learned that these soldiers were sent to Shanghai yesterday in 27 cars. They arrived at the Markham Road Station at 10.30 a.m. yesterday en route to Lungkuang, where they are awaiting further orders; they have been disarmed.

The following telegram from Zangchow is published in the "Eastern Times":—"Portion of the soldiers under the command of General Yang Hu, former Shanghai Garrison Commissioner, have been disarmed at Zangchow and sent back to Shanghai at noon yesterday to be disbanded."

Shanghai, Sept. 2.

General Feng Yu-hsiang, so-called "Christian General," is seizing all railroad rolling stock

INDIAN COTTON.

Protection For Mill Owners.

CHINESE COMPETITION.

Proposed Duty On Imported Yarns.

Simsa, Yesterday.
In the Assembly Sir George Rainy, Commerce Member, moved a bill to protect the manufacture of cotton yarn in India by imposing a duty of one-and-a-half annas per lb. on imported yarn. He contended this was only slightly to the benefit of the Indian cotton industry and did not materially affect the interests of the Indian handloom workers.

The object of the bill was to safeguard Indian cotton industry against Japanese night work, double shift and women workers competition. But the recent heavy increase in the importation of Chinese medium yarn must be considered. The question was really one between the mills and the handloom. The Assembly must decide which interest was more important. Possible serious Chinese competition could not be ignored. The Government was of the opinion that the interest of the cotton mill industry ought to prevail. (Applause.)

Mr. Neogy, representing the Dacca Division, expressed apprehension lest Japan might retaliate on Indian pigiron.

Mr. Duralawmy Ayyar, Madras, objected to further concessions to the mill owners.

Mr. Jamnada Mehta, Bombay, declared he would vote against the bill because it offered no real protection to the mill owners.—Reuters.

SHORT TIME.

Home Curtailment of Production.

London, Yesterday.
A private meeting of the American section of the Cotton Spinners' Federation at Manchester recommended the curtailment of production by a Saturday and Monday stoppage, or its equivalent, from September 10 until the end of October. This means 13 hours of idleness per week.—Reuters.

"DEPLORABLE POSITION."

Manchester Industry Criticised.

London, Yesterday.
The "deplorable position of the American branch of cotton spinning and manufacturing" was discussed by the economist, Mr. J. M. Keynes, at a meeting called by the Cotton Yarn Association in Manchester.

Mr. Keynes was of the opinion that it was scarcely possible to exaggerate the seriousness of the situation and suggested the summoning of what might be termed an unofficial Royal Commission composed of representatives of every section of the industry, including the operatives, to ascertain the costs of every stage of production, to consider mill re-organisation and capitalisation reform with a view to bringing Lancashire's organisation up to date and putting it on a competitive basis with the rest of the world.—Reuters.

MONSOON RAINS MAY TOUCH HERE.

Drizzle Predicted.

"North east winds, moderate; overcast, some drizzle" is the official weather forecast until tomorrow.

An anticyclone covers S. Mancharia and N. China. The N.E. portion of the trough has filled up. A depression is now shown between the Loochoos and the Bonins. There will be a temporary N.E. monsoon along the coast of China.

of the Peking-Hankow line that he can lay hands on, according to foreign wireless dispatches received to-day.

Trenches are reported being dug at Shekow by the Wuhan forces, the messages add.

General Banzal.

Tokyo, Sept. 3.
Lieutenant-General Banzal, a Japanese adviser to the Peking Government, who had been home for some time, left here for Peking to-day, accompanied by his wife.—Tono.

COASTAL STRIKE.

Settlement Ratified To-day.

DETAILS NOT DIVULGED.

Men To Return Within 48 Hours.

Although it is generally known in the Colony that a settlement was arrived at yesterday at a conference between the China Navigation Company and the Officers and Engineers' Guild, the local officials of the Company decline to verify the settlement of the strike.

It is, however, understood from a reliable source that a provisional settlement was arrived at in Shanghai yesterday on the basis of the Company's terms and that the return of the officers is only contingent on the ratification of the agreement by the Guilds after the terms have been the subject of reference to their solicitors as to any technical points which may arise. Ratification is expected to-day.

The return of the officers to the employ of the Company is to take effect forty-eight hours after ratification of the agreement, pay also commencing from that date.

Ships will commence running according to the schedule which will be prepared by the Company, the officers being notified as they are required.

Reported Terms.
From other sources it is learnt that the ten per cent. reduction which the Company announced prior to the strike and in regard

STRIKE SETTLEMENT.

Agreement Ratified To-day in Shanghai.

It is understood from a reliable source that the Guilds in Shanghai ratified this morning the settlement which was arrived at yesterday. Officers will therefore be reinstated as from forty-eight hours' time.

The s.s. "Anhui" left Hong Kong for Amoy, Swatow and Singapore at 2 p.m. to-day.

to which the officers requested arbitration, will be enforced by the Company, the officers' representatives having given way on this point, it is stated.

(In this connection, it will be remembered that the Company had previously indicated that finances would be reviewed over three-monthly periods and the ten per cent. reduction would only be enforced if justified by returns.)

Regarding the dismissal by the Company of masters who declined to move their ships from moorings in Shanghai at the outbreak of the strike, it is understood that these officers will be reinstated without prejudice.

Payment Question.
Another point which was outstanding was the question of payment of officers whose articles had expired. The Company has only paid up to the commencement of the strike and not, as the officers claimed they were entitled to, to the date of expiry of the articles.

In regard to this, it is understood that the matter will be considered later, as the point is considered to be a minor one which should not interfere with the early running of the ships that have been laid up for so long.

Company Proposals.
It is also understood that the Company have made other proposals which have influenced the Guilds in coming to a settlement, but nothing can be learnt officially owing to the reticence of the local agents and the absence of Reuters' information on the subject from Shanghai, where all the negotiations have proceeded.

In connection with the settlement, it is interesting to note that the Company advertises the sailing to-day for Amoy, Swatow and Singapore, of the s.s. "Anhui," but, if officers are not to sign on again until after ratification, it would appear that the sailing of (Continued at foot of next column.)

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day, was 1/11 9/16.

LEAGUE AND PEACE.

Sir A. Chamberlain at Geneva.

DISARMAMENT COMING.

No Advantage In a New Security Pact At Present.

Geneva, Yesterday.
Sir Austen Chamberlain, interviewed after announcing he would have great pleasure in supporting Canada's candidature for membership to the Council of the League, referred to the reports of the Polish proposal of a new security pact and thought there would be no advantage in such a



Sir A. Chamberlain.

proposal at present. If, however, a resolution should be proposed and unanimously accepted by the Assembly recommending the extension of the Locarno agreements to the other parts of the world, and re-affirming the League's determination to maintain peace, he would gladly co-operate.

He emphasised that the British attitude towards disarmament had not changed. Despite the failure of the Geneva naval conference, they were nearer an agreement than before, but there would probably be many conferences before they reach the measure of disarmament they would like to see.—Reuters.

P. & O. CAPITAL.

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London, Yesterday.
The Peninsular and Oriental Company propose to increase their capital to £7,632,000 by the issue of £1,000,000 additional deferred stock.

The new capital is required to pay for new tonnage, etc.

An extraordinary meeting is being held on September 14 to pass a resolution on the matter. The new issue will be made at a price of £200 per £100 deferred stock.—Reuters.

the ship is contingent on such confirmation from Shanghai.

Other sailings of C. N. Company vessels are the s.s. "Anking" for Amoy, Swatow and Singapore on September 13 and the s.s. "Sunning" for Swatow and Shanghai also on September 13.

The strike, it will be remembered, commenced at midnight on June 29 and has therefore been in operation for over two months. Various conferences have been held at Shanghai and there have been previous rumours of impending settlement which, however, came to nothing.

Since the beginning of the strike fifty officers of the Company who were on strike have left the China Coast for good.

The strike originated owing to the attitude of the Company in interpreting a previous agreement that arbitration over any point in dispute between them and the officers' representatives should be "by mutual consent." The officers' representatives wished for arbitration in respect of a ten per cent. reduction in salary which the Company announced their intention of enforcing. The Company declined to submit the matter to arbitration or to admit liability to submit any dispute to arbitration other than by "mutual consent."

TRAM TICKETS.

Owners' Foki Gets A Free Ride.

NO TRANSFER.

Tobacco Factory Manager Summoned.

Chan Pak-ying, manager, and Hung Hok-chau, assistant manager of the China Merchants' Tobacco Company, Wing Lok Street, were this morning summoned before Mr. R. E. Lindsell by Mr. A. Gillard of the Hong Kong Tramway Company for having transferred their monthly tram tickets to a foki of the firm, contrary to the bye-laws of the Tramway Company. The foki, Lo Chi, was summoned for using the tickets on August 31.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for the defence.

Mr. Gillard said in reply to the Magistrate that Lo produced both tickets for inspection during the same ride. He first produced one ticket to the conductor and later produced both tickets to the Chinese ticket inspector.

Mr. Russ admitted this, but said that the reason he did this was because he thought he was entitled to a free ride in view of the fact that he was then going to the Tramway Company's offices to renew his two masters' monthly tickets which expired that day.

The other two defendants, Chan and Hung, did not bother about Lo's fare because the firm had books of cash tickets which were supplied to messengers, of whom Lo was one.

Mr. Lindsell inquired if Mr. Russ's excuse was ignorance of the law.

Extenuating Circumstances.

Mr. Russ replied that it could only be ignorance of fact as the proceedings of the Tramway Company were facts and not law.

Mr. Lindsell suggested that Mr. Russ was in fact pleading "guilty" but with extenuating circumstances.

Mr. Russ: Yes, very extenuating circumstances.

Replying to the Magistrate Mr. Gillard said that he was not prepared to accept that plea as the foki (Lo) had already stated to the witness at the Tramway Company's offices that he had asked his master for tram fare and they had told him that the monthly tickets were all right to see him through.

Replying to another question, Mr. Gillard admitted that there was no doubt that Lo was going to renew the tickets at the time the offence was alleged against him, but that did not entitle him to a free ride.

Mr. Russ pointed out that Mr. Gillard's admission did away with the point of transfer of the tickets.

The Magistrate said that it would be transfer in view of what Lo had told Mr. Gillard about his taking the free ride on his master's suggestion.

Renewing the Tickets.

Mr. Russ replied that the only transfer there was, was for the purpose of renewing the tickets. He denied that the master had made any suggestion to Lo about the free ride. But even if the master did say that, he could not be guilty of transferring the ticket to Lo, but merely aiding and abetting him.

Mr. Gillard said that when he and the ticket inspector saw the master at the Wing Lok Street shop, the master had said that he did not bother to give Lo any cash ticket, because he thought Lo was entitled to a free ride in view of the fact that he was going to renew the monthly tickets.

Mr. Lindsell asked for evidence of this. The Chinese ticket inspector then went into the witness box and said that when he and Mr. Gillard went to the defendants' shop they spoke to Chan and Hung together. Chan admitted responsibility to witness and said that as Lo was making the trip for the purpose of renewing the monthly tickets, he thought that Lo was entitled to a free ride once a month. Chan also produced a book of cash tickets and said that ordinarily the foki were issued with such tickets.

No Transfer.

At this stage his Worship decided that there was no evidence of transfer of the ticket for an unlawful purpose on the part of the defendant Hung, and discharged him.

Lo then went into the witness

TRADE UNION ACT.

Congress Calls For Its Withdrawal.

BALDWIN SHOULD RESIGN.

Trade Unionists Discuss Industrial Peace.

London, Yesterday.
The main subject of discussion at the Trade Union congress in Edinburgh to-day was industrial peace and Mr. Baldwin's appeal there on.

Moving a resolution declaring that the Government's legislative and industrial policy was the greatest hindrance to the response of the appeal, Mr. Bevin asserted that Mr. Baldwin was mainly responsible for causing the industrial troubles of recent years by a policy of facing both ways. The best contribution to industrial peace would be Mr. Baldwin's resignation.

Mr. Thomas suggested that the Government should withdraw the Trade Union Act and appeal to the country. The resolution was carried.—Reuters.

Evidence of Sincerity.

London, Yesterday.

The Trade Union Congress at Edinburgh to-day replied to the Premier's appeal to Labour leaders to take a step in the direction of securing peace in industry. Its reply was contained in a resolution which declared that no section of the community was more desirous of industrial peace than the workers but that the greatest hindrance to the Premier's repeated appeals for industrial peace was the legislative and industrial policy of the Government, especially its action in lengthening the miners hours as displayed in recent trade unions legislation. The resolution declared that the immediate repeal of the Trade Union's Act would be the best evidence of the sincerity of Mr. Baldwin and his Government and demanded that the country be given an immediate opportunity of pronouncing its verdict upon the Government's policy.

A Bitter Attack.

Mr. Bevin, leader of the transport workers, in moving the resolution, made a bitter attack upon Mr. Baldwin. He said that from appeals made by Mr. Baldwin it would seem he was intending to convey that the attitude of trade unions of this country was a warlike one and that they were never willing to negotiate. Mr. Bevin contended that every form of conciliation and arbitration had in the main sprung from the claims of the trade unions and he pointed out that for every actual stoppage there were thousands of disputes settled according to the table, of which the public never heard.

He declared that every act of Mr. Baldwin had been in contradiction to his appeals for peace, and that there had been more retrograde legislation regarding industrial conditions during Mr. Baldwin's period of office than in any other similar period.

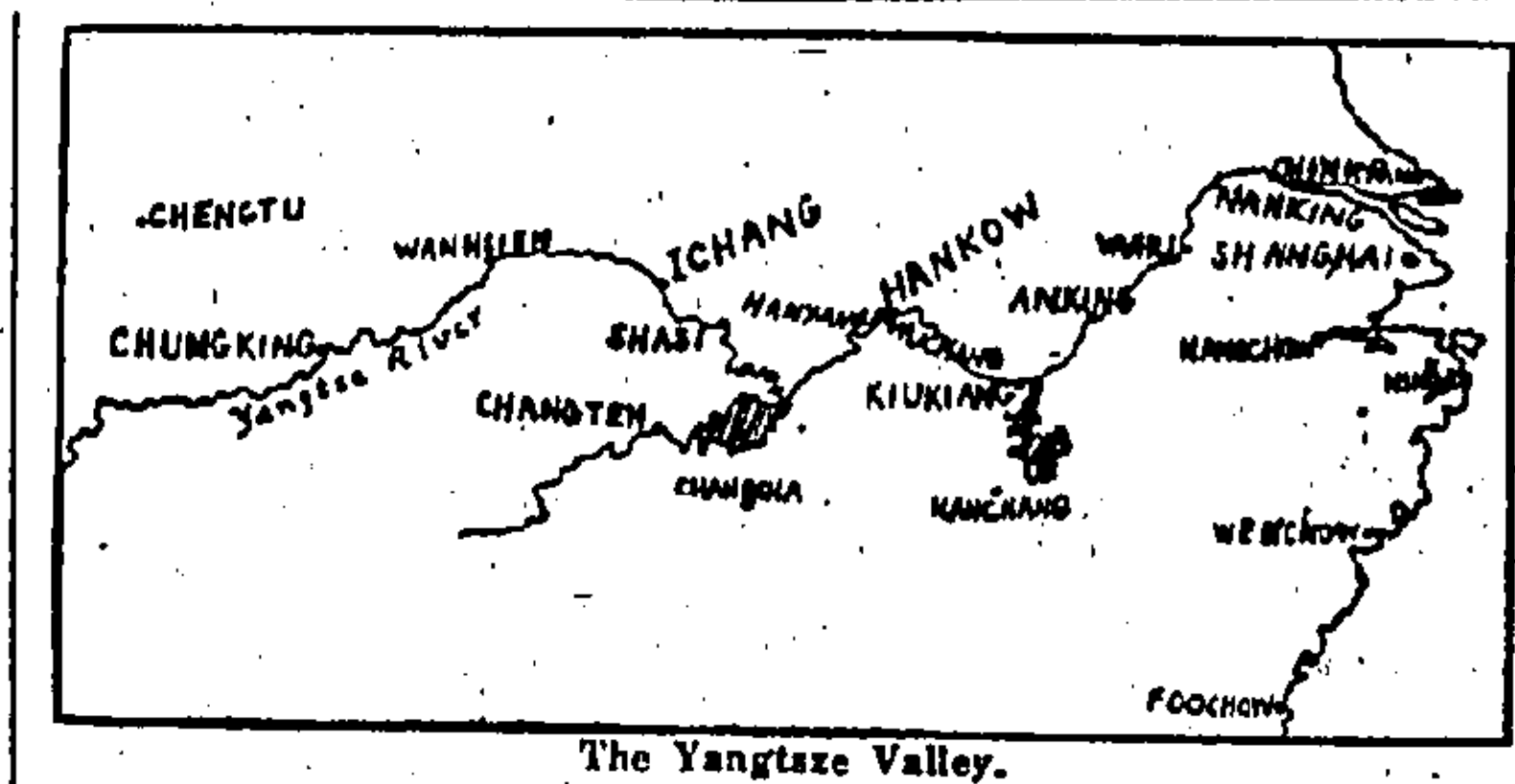
Mr. Thomas, the railwaymen's leader, seconding the resolution, endorsed the demand for the withdrawal of the Trade Union Act as the best way in which the Government could show its goodwill. The resolution was carried by acclamation.—British Wireless Service.

box and denied that Chan had told him that he was entitled to a free ride on the strength of renewing the monthly tickets. That was what the witness had himself thought. He had a book of cash tickets in his pocket and had the conductor insisted on payment he would have done so. When he showed the monthly ticket to the conductor the latter did not say anything so he thought it was all right.

Chan also went into the witness box and denied that he had mentioned anything to Lo about a free ride. He also denied that he had told the ticket inspector that he thought Lo was entitled to a free ride once a month.

Deciding that there was nothing in the evidence against Chan which could satisfactorily prove transfer, the Magistrate discharged this man also.

Lo was convicted for using his master's ticket and fined \$5.



The Yangtze Valley.

despite rumours to the contrary the War Office does not consider the change in the situation arising from the reverses of the Northerners need upset the Japanese evacuation programme, declared the War Minister at today's Cabinet meeting. He made it known, however, that Japan was not prepared to sit quiet if and when the lives and property of Japanese residents were endangered through fighting.

Peking, Yesterday.
The trial begins to-day of the 15 Russians seized in the Soviet Embassy raid.

The American, C. J. Fox, one of the attorneys for the defence, has issued a statement declaring that 13 of them were members of the staff of the Embassy. The defence intends to raise the question of diplomatic immunity early in the trial.—Reuters.

Feng Withdrawing.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
According to foreign reports in Peking, Feng Yu-hsiang's troops are withdrawing from eastern Honan towards Loyang.—Reuters.

Wuhu Falls.

Wuhu, Yesterday.
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SCHOOL will re-open MONDAY, September 12th. Examination for New Boys, SATURDAY, September 10th at 9.30 a.m. For Prospectus, for Boarders and Day-boys, apply ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE, Prospect Place, Bonham Road. Hong Kong, 27th August, 1927.

HONG KONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Society, will be held in the City Hall, on FRIDAY, 16th September, 1927, at 5.45 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st August; of electing office-bearers for the ensuing year, etc.

P. TOD, Joint Hon. Secretary. Hong Kong, 2nd September, 1927.

HONG KONG CLUB. NOTICE.

THE SEVENTH YEARLY DRAWING of 20 DEBENTURES (1920 issue—\$500 each) of the Hong Kong Club, payable on FRIDAY, the 30th September, 1927, will be held in the Club House, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on THURSDAY, the 8th September, 1927.

Bearers of Debentures are invited to attend the Drawing. By Order,

A. H. ABBAS, Acting Secretary. Hong Kong, 27th August, 1927.

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Bearers of Debentures are invited to attend the Drawing. By Order,

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Hong Kong, 2nd September, 1927.

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THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY. THERAPION No. 1 THERAPION No. 2 THERAPION No. 3

AFTER FOUR YEARS.

ANNIVERSARY OF JAPAN EARTHQUAKE.

Tokyo, September 1. Four years ago to-day, at 11.58 a.m. of September 1, 1923, Tokyo and Yokohama jarred in the first of a series of tremendous earthquake shocks which effected probably the greatest natural disaster in the history of the world.

In memory of that tragic experience memorial services are being held to-day throughout the Empire. Buddhist priests everywhere are chanting requiem for the thousands of dead.

Special services in Tokyo took place at many parts of the city but the greatest ceremony was at the site of the former Honjo Clothing Depot, where more than 83,000 perished in a single group. At the moment of the shock all traffic and other activities in the two cities halted in silent tribute to the departed.

To-day, after four years of continuous labour, traces of the disaster still remain, but are rapidly disappearing before the industry of millions of Japanese who labour ceaselessly for the restoration of their home cities. A year from to-day the great earthquake and the terrible hours of raging fire which followed it will be little more than a memory. Reconstruction will have been completed.

Tokyo, once quaint capital of an Oriental empire, is changing with marvellous rapidity to a replica of any great city of the west. Near skyscrapers rear high above broad and well paved modern streets, roaring with motorised traffic. New railway stations, many with all the efficient conveniences Japan has learned from America, have replaced the wooden structures of pre-earthquake days. The rich, once familiar in every Japanese thoroughfare, has all but disappeared.

New plans have been built in Yokohama, a new and modern customs house greets incoming tourists from America, a new hotel to replace the famous old Grand Hotel is rapidly nearing completion; there is a new foreign club on the bund and new bridges, new buildings and new streets are everywhere. A new and broad modern highway, flowing with motor traffic, has been completed between the Tokyo and Yokohama boundary lines and is being extended into the heart of each city.

Repetition of the disaster, which affected 3,404,898 persons and brought a toll of 156,693 killed, injured and missing, is impossible, according to experts. Wider streets, improved fire-fighting equipment, more fireproof building construction, and increasing modernization of the country have assured greater safety for the millions living in Tokyo and Yokohama to-day.

U. S. PRESIDENCY.

VICE-PRESIDENT DOES NOT WANT JOB.

Washington, Aug. 29. Friends who have conferred with Vice-President Charles G. Dawes concerning his reaction to the possibility of a presidential nomination to-day returned to the capital with the tidings that Dawes does not desire the nomination.

Moreover, the Vice-President asked that no campaign be started in his behalf.

General Dawes told his friends that he is happy in his present position of vice president, and believes that at the age of sixty he is too old to plunge into the strenuous life which would be his if he were elected to the presidency.

However, there is a joker to the story, as is the case with most accounts of interviews with presidential possibilities these days.

Dawes did, upon being pressed, admit that he would "accept if drafted."

Which neatly sums up the views attributed to most current decliners of presidential nomination honours, even up to and including the present Chief Executive.—United Press.

PHILIPPINES GOVERNOR.

Justice Johnson a Candidate.

Hundreds of Americans and Filipinos prominent in public and private life here and in the United States apparently would like to see Mr. Justice E. Finley Johnson, of the Philippine supreme court, become governor general of the Philippine Islands. The justice, it was learned from him on September 1, has been receiving letters from friends here and in the United States, urging him to become a candidate for the position of chief executive.

While he dislikes to hunt for the job, when asked what he thought about the offers of his friends, Justice Johnson declared he would accept the position if it were offered to him by President Coolidge. He said, "I believe a person should be sought by the job instead of seeking it."

"Manila Bulletin."

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Y.M.C.A. IN INDIA.

EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION CHARGES UNFOUNDED.

Calcutta, August 27. The inquiry committee set up to investigate the allegations of the European Association against the political activities of the Y.M.C.A. in India has generally found that the charges were unfounded.

The report says that there is no evidence that paid officials of the Y.M.C.A. sell their time to the promoters of anti-British political movements. In only a few cases have lectures of an objectionable character been delivered in Y.M.C.A. buildings, but the Association is warned to be careful that its hospitality is not abused.

There is no evidence of the allegation that Boy Scouts were not permitted to sing the National Anthem.

The statement that Sir Arthur Yapp visited India to inquire into Communist propaganda is not supported by facts. It is pointed out that Sir Arthur Yapp's visit was to Malaya, and he only spent 17 days in India and Burma.

The Y.M.C.A. had taken practical steps to prevent articles eulogistic of Russian revolutionaries appearing in "Young Men of India."—"Straits Times."

SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

Detroit, Aug. 31. John F. Garrity, of Chicago, was elected commander-in-chief of the United Spanish War Veterans at the annual convention of the organization here to-day. Resolutions were adopted calling for increased hospitalization for veterans of all wars, and endorsing the administrations of Winfield Scott, commissioner of pensions, and of General Frank Hines, of the veterans bureau.—Associated Press.

RADIO IN MANILA.

PERMIT GRANTED TO PRIVATE FIRM.

MacLeod and Company, ship agents and hemp merchants, will be granted the first permit to establish commercial radio stations in Manila. Cebu and Zamboanga, according to Secretary Unson of commerce and communications.

This is a deviation from the long established policy of keeping to the Government the exclusive right to maintain telegraph, wireless and radio communication between one point of the islands and another. Secretary Unson said. Government monopoly of this activity ends with the granting of this permit.

Members of the Radio Board and the Secretary of Commerce and Communications feared that the example of MacLeod and Company might be followed by other commercial firms, and thus deprive the bureau of posts of a sure income from this source. That is why, according to Secretary Unson, he was not in favour of granting a permanent permit.

Revocable Permit. The permit to be granted to MacLeod and Company will be a revocable one. Whenever it is found by the government that the establishment of private commercial radio stations reduces the revenue producing capacity of the bureau of posts, permit will be cancelled.

It is understood, (says the "Manila Times") that another firm, the Vlayson Stevedoring Company, also has applied for a permit to establish commercial radio stations in Iloilo.

PROTECTION FOR MINES.

Peking, Aug. 21. Special protection for the British-owned Peking Syndicate mines at Chiaofoo, Honan, has been ordered as a result of a request from the British Minister following evacuation of the mines' foreign staff.—United Press.

MARRIAGE LAW.

NEW BILL IN THE PHILIPPINES.

"Rapid and premature marriages" would be prevented by a Bill which was discussed on the floor of the Senate in Manila recently. The measure, already passed last year by the lower house, provides that no marriages may be contracted in the Philippines without a licence. This proviso was not included in the original house Bill, but was incorporated by the senate committee on justice.

Senator Vera, sponsor of the Bill, declared that the ease and haste with which young people are married nowadays often results disastrously. The proposed measure also provides that the names of those couples who are under the legal age limit for marriage without the parents' consent, must be announced by the church or the justice of the peace one week before the marriage is performed. This is to give the parents of those under age an opportunity to stop marriages which are against their will, it was explained.

The Bill also changes the age at which young girls and boys may marry with their parents' consent from 12 and 14 to 14 and 16 respectively. It was claimed that at the tender ages of 12 and 14 girls and boys are not yet ready for wedded life.

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TODAY'S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S LIST.

"Hydrangea" (561) British, from Swatow, Chiu On S.S. Co.—248 passengers, 95 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.
"Perseus" (6,299) British, from Shanghai, B. and S.—194 passengers, 8 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 6,400 tons general (through).
"St. Albans" (2,538) British, from Manila, Mackinnon Mackenzie—167 passengers, 940 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,030 tons general (through).
"City of Evansville" (4,158) British, from Cebu, Bank Line—200 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, "Taiping" (4,323) British, from Manila, B. and S.—194 passengers, 326 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 48 tons general (through).
"Telemaachus" (1,340) British, from Saigon, Wo Fat Sing—19 passengers, 2,000 tons rice and general cargo for Hong Kong.
"Tjikembang" (5,028) Dutch, from Keelung, J.C.J.L.—19 passengers, 121 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,676 tons general (through).
Nanking (3,436) Swedish, from Shanghai, Gillman & Co., Ltd.—7,729 tons general cargo (through).
"Eiger" (875) Norwegian, from Canton, K. Larssen & Co.—9 passengers, 75 tons general cargo (through).
"Myo Maru" (1,405) Japanese, from Wei-hai-wei, Yu Tai S.S. Co.—2,437 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 200 tons general (through).
"Sun Kong" (322) Chinese, from Kwong Chow Wan, Man Yit Co.—300 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Departures.
For Swatow: Tjipanas, Chip Shing.
For Shanghai: Asia, Korea, Pres. Jefferson.
For Hongkong: Tenkai Maru.
For Tarakan: Pharus.
For Bangkok: Hermod.
For Colombo: Yalou.
For Singapore: Kawachi Maru, Borneo Maru.
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COASTAL SHIPS.

LATEST CHANGES IN PERSONNEL.

Captain A. Dockwrey, from reserve, has gone master "Luenho".
Captain J. M. Bain, of the "Luenho", has gone master, "Changwo".
Mr. J. Halkett, second engineer, "Slangwo", is on reserve.
Mr. A. McN. Marshall, second engineer, "Tingsang", is on reserve.
Mr. J. W. Fisher, from Home leave, has gone second engineer, "Tingsang".

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The F. & O. s.s. "Novara" left Shanghai for this port yesterday at 10.30 a.m., and is due here on September 9 at about noon.

The P. & O. s.s. "Allpore" left Singapore for this port on September 5 at 3 p.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here on September 11 at about noon.

The M.V. "Esquiline" (D. & Co.) from Brindisi, is expected in Hong Kong on September 15.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" left Vancouver for Hong Kong via Japan ports and Shanghai on September 1, and is due here on September 19.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" left Yokohama on September 2 at 3 p.m., and is due at Vancouver on September 19.

The s.s. "Bolton Castle" (D. & Co.) sailed from New York on July 19, and is due to arrive in Hong Kong on September 24.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" (from Manila) is due here at 7 a.m. on September 12, and will berth at Pier No. 5, Kowloon Wharf. She will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama, at noon on September 14.

The M.V. s.s. "Japan" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Antwerp on September 2, and is due here on or about October 12.

The following vessels of the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes are expected to arrive in Hong Kong:—
S.S. "Angers" September 13.
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DOLLAR MAN ARRESTED.

CHARGED WITH THEFT IN MANILA.

Sixto Acuna, an employee of the Robert Dollar Steamship Company in Manila, was charged on August 29 before Judge Revilla by Fiscal Felix with having embezzled funds of his company amounting to P2,903.

Between July 19, and August 8, while in the passage division of the steamship company, Acuna received P2,903, the value of 17 stevedore passages from Manila to San Francisco, California, the complaint alleged. Instead of turning over that sum to the cashier of his company, as was his obligation, he misappropriated it to his own personal use to the prejudice of his employer, the complaint also averred. Bail for the temporary release of the accused was placed at P1,500.

"RUNNER" FINED.

For boarding the s.s. "Taiping" without permission, a boarding house "runner" was fined \$3 at the Marine Court this morning.

BAN ON AMOY.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Amoy on account of cholera.

NEW MOTOR SHIP.

An arrival at Fremantle recently from New York was the motor ship "Tampa", which is running under the newly-established Roosevelt Line service. She is of 5,595 tons register and was recently converted from a turbine to a Diesel-engine vessel at a cost of about 1,000,000 dollars, the first of numerous conversions to be carried out by the United States Shipping Board. The engine is a large Diesel motor of the Worthington double-acting two-stroke type, burning an average of 35 tons of oil daily and giving a service speed of 11½ knots. The motors are of 2,950 h.p.

The vessel is one of a class of about 100 ships, similar in almost every particular, built about eight years ago. They were propelled by triple-expansion steam engines supplied from oil-fired boilers and equipped throughout with steam driven auxiliaries. The conversion was carried out by the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Co., and all electric appliances. A small boiler was fitted for heating the officers' quarters and the passengers accommodation, which was added during the conversion, and a smaller funnel replaced that originally fitted.

The "Tampa" carried about 200 tons of general lines to discharge at Fremantle and will load 3,800 tons of wheat, flour, fruit, sandalwood and sundries before she resumes her voyage to Colombo, Bombay and Karachi.

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PORT OF LONDON.

Lord Ritchie, chairman of the Port of London Authority, in the course of a speech at the annual inspection, said that the authority was going on with the provision at Tilbury of a proper landing stage where the Orient and P. and O. liners will disembark Australian passengers without the present delays. By the strictest economies the Authority was reducing the charges by 2½ per cent. making a 10 per cent. reduction in two years.

The cold store managers stated that they had not been approached to emulate New Zealand's plan for cold storage of apples at Southampton until the end of the season, when the market was better, but there was plenty of room for Australia to follow New Zealand's example: whenever it was wanted.

The Whangpoo Conservancy Board have issued a chart of curves showing the approximate time of tidal factors for each day of the moon, and a prediction of tide (Public Garden tide gauge station) for September. It is understood that the Board will for the time being issue a monthly bulletin giving predicted tidal data, the predictions being based on astronomical data (assuming normal meteorological conditions), and the results of direct observation. October predictions will be sent out during September. A tidal prediction was made for the month of June, 1927, and during June the various factors were observed.

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MONGOLIA	16,504	29th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TANDA	6,956	8th Nov.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
MANTUA	10,946	12th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHGAR	9,005	26th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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DEPARTURES.

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Osaka v. Amoy, Moji & Kobe	LAISANG	Tues. 13th Sept. at 7 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	NAMSANG	Tues. 13th Sept. at 3 p.m.
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HYNES.—On September 7, 1927,
to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas
Hynes, a son.

Hong Kong, Wednesday, Sept. 7, 1927.

EXPENSIVE LIVING.

It is most unfortunate, but it is true, as Mr. Braga pointed out at the meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday afternoon, that Hong Kong is earning the unenviable reputation of being the most expensive Colony to live in. That reputation, however, will remain so long as the Sanitary Board adopts the same passive attitude as revealed by the discussion yesterday. In May, 1926, Dr. Koch asked whether the Board, in letting market stalls, could not take steps to stop what he described as profiteering. Although the President now says that the Board should bear in mind that food prices are not in any way its concern, never have been, and should not be, he consented to form a Committee to go into the question of market prices and if possible to make recommendations to reduce these prices. Holding these views, it may well be asked why he consented to the formation of a Committee at all? Why did he not take the same stand in May, 1926, as he takes to-day—that food prices are not in any way the concern of the Board? With this dictum many people will not agree. It may be argued that, as the letting of the markets is in the hands of the Board, it ought to be the business of the Board to see that the public are not exploited. There is ample precedent. Prices were regulated during the war not only here but elsewhere. And in certain other

places that duty was performed by the Sanitary Board for the obvious reason that it controlled the markets through letting them. To say at this late date that food prices are no concern of a Sanitary Board is simply begging the whole question. Furthermore, thinking so, it was a sheer waste of time for a Committee to be appointed last year to go into the question of food prices in the markets and if possible to make recommendations to reduce these prices.

The discussion between the President and Mr. Braga reveals some diversity of opinion in the matter of competition at the markets, but that does not, or at least should not, affect the main issue. The Food Prices Committee has come to the conclusion that, so far as cattle and swine are concerned, no inordinate profit is made by the retailer and that any increase in prices is due to higher prices reigning at the ports of origin. This, of course, sounds logical, as does the President's statement that where there is a glut prices drop a few cents and when there are a few hundred less cattle in the depot prices rise a few cents. There are exceptions, of course, not only in regard to cattle and swine, but in regard to every commodity sold in the markets. If it is at all possible to reduce prices, however, it is the duty of the Board to make recommendations accordingly. As Mr. Braga pointed out, given encouragement and the guidance of the Forestry Department, the New Territories could produce vegetables in larger quantities and at prices which would compete with imported commodities. If, too, the railway transport charges are too high, the authorities should take steps to have these reduced, and thus, as Mr. Braga states, do a good service to the Colony.

There is another phase of high food prices that cannot be ignored, although it is not within the province of the Sanitary Board. That is the eternal "squeeze" on the part of compradores, cooks, boys, and amahs. No matter what the nominal market price may be, householders have invariably to pay a few cents more. The experiences of the strike in 1925 led many householders to do their own marketing, with startling discoveries of the manner in which they had previously been fleeced. Some have continued to save by doing their own marketing since, but it is to be feared that the great majority are content to let it be done for them by their com-

pradores or house servants, even knowing that the system of "squeeze" prevails to a greater or lesser extent. This factor more than any other, perhaps, is responsible for the high prices of market commodities. If householders tolerate it they have only themselves to blame!

FOOD PRICES.

IS THERE ENOUGH LOCAL
COMPETITION?

SANITARY BD. DISCUSSION.

The decision that no good purpose would be served by the publication of the report of the special Sub-Committee which considered the question of the market prices of food was the subject of reference at the Sanitary Board yesterday when Mr. Braga criticised the decision. The publication of a report, Mr. Braga said, would invite public criticism and possibly useful suggestions for keeping down prices for the benefit of consumers at large. The public was entirely in the dark as to the steps (if any) taken by the Committee to reduce produce prices. For example, a few months ago the price of bread increased owing to the higher price of imported flour. The price of this latter commodity must surely have fluctuated since then, and yet the bread price had remained fixed. Britisher's Guild Influence.

As regards market produce, Mr. Braga expressed doubt as to whether the prices were regulated strictly by the laws of supply and demand. It was suspected that the influence of the Butcher's Guild was the greatest determining factor and it would be interesting to learn to what extent, if at all, the Committee had succeeded in undermining that influence.

Mr. Braga expressed the view that there was no such thing as competitive prices in our markets, which bore out the belief that the butchers and the compradores' prices were kept up to the prejudice of the consumers. In conclusion, Mr. Braga referred to the "phenomenal" increase in the prices of Chinese vegetables as compared with a few years ago. It would be interesting to learn whether any effort had been made to obtain a larger supply of vegetables for our markets from the producing districts of the New Territories. A factor against the New Territories farmer was the difficulty and high cost of transport from the producing centres to our markets in Hong Kong. Was it not possible that some scheme should be worked out for collecting vegetables grown in the New Territories and transporting it cheaply to Kowloon and Hong Kong?

President's Reply.
Mr. N. L. Smith, President of the Board, in reply, said that if the special Committee which considered this matter decided to circulate the various papers among the members of the Board it would be seen that the Committee had been far from dormant. In particular would he like to thank the Chinese members of the Committee for the time and labour they had put into the report. The Committee felt that any report they might make would be bound to be in a way negative. He thought that the Board should bear in mind that the regulation of market prices was not in any way their concern as a Sanitary Board.

The President also reminded the Board that the Committee was set up at a time of emergency during the boycott when it was felt that prices in the market were unduly high. The Committee over a considerable period kept a careful check on the wholesale prices of cattle and swine and talked for considerable lengths of time with importers of cattle and swine and representatives of the butchers. They also had the advice of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon who was in close touch with them in such matters. The Committee had come to the conclusion that there was no inordinate profit being made by the actual retailers and that where there were increases of price it was due to the higher prices at the ports of origin. There was healthy competition in the markets and, as to the suggestion of a "ring," he thought the fact that when there was an increase of supplies the price automatically dropped, disproved this.

The New Territories.
With regard to livestock, the President said that the New Territories could not hope to produce on a large enough scale to supply the needs of Hong Kong and the same applied to a certain extent in respect of vegetables. The New Kowloon vegetable growers undoubtedly had an advantage in that they were in carrying range of a number of markets, but with regard to other New Territory districts it would cost more to bring vegetables in from Shatin, say, than from Shekhi, by water transport.

In conclusion, the President expressed the opinion that the solution to the food problem lay in plenty of competition through the medium of plenty of markets and he thought the Board would agree that they wanted to extend their market programme as soon as conditions in the Colony allowed.

Board's Consent.

In reply to the President, Mr. Braga stressed the fact that the Board having appointed a Committee to deal with the question of food costs was a tacit consent on the part of the Board to more or less regulate in the interest of the community the question of prices, although he recognised that there was no statutory enactment that would force that duty on any member of the Committee or the Board.

As regards the growth of vegetables and livestock breeding in the New Territories for possible supply on a greater scale to the markets of Hong Kong, Mr. Braga thought it was a question of affording greater facilities and encouragement, particularly in the matter of railway prices.

PIRACY.

A STABILISED INDUSTRY IN
CHINA.

It is now nearly six years since the first of the modern series of China Coast piracy took place, when the China Merchants' s.s. "Kwantung" was seized while on a voyage from Shanghai to Hong Kong and Canton, and while there has been a steady procession of similar outrages, on both foreign and Chinese ships, and the methods of the pirates have come to be as well known as the situation of their headquarters and the identity of their leaders, the inhabitants of the Bios Bay district of Waichow are keen on their hobby as ever; unimpressed by the dire threats which occasionally are held out to them, and undeterred by the very few instances of an attempt at retribution which have been made. Piracy may now definitely be considered as one of the permanent institutions of the China Coast, un-suppressed and apparently ineradicable, well and truly founded as a going concern, part and parcel of the national life of South China, producing big profits and quick returns, and more devoid of serious risk than any other profession in the world whose followers reap the rewards of their labours in big and generous lots. The South China pirate is nothing if not impartial; it is true that in the early days of the rehabilitation of his profession he concentrated his attentions on vessels flying the British flag or one of the Chinese quasi-national emblems, but that was due purely to expediency, and not to any particular desire to honour or humiliate the Union Jack, or the five horizontal bars on bunting, or the sun with many points also on bunting. Since those days he has taken as much more generous outlook, and much more of his activities has included in addition French ships, and Dutch, and Norwegian, and Japanese, and those of one or two other nationalities which do not readily come to mind. And how he has prospered and continues to prosper! It cannot be denied that he has encountered one or two little setbacks; but what undertaking, either newly born or newly revived, which aims at so lucrative a return for a little labour and a little organisation, could expect to carry on indefinitely without meeting with occasional checks? He has had a few of his fellows killed on a ship by some inconsiderate and un-reasonable British Mercantile Marine officers, and some more of his comrades were even done to death on the gallows at Hong Kong; but his proportion of failures, or comparative failures, to wholesome successes has been so amazingly small as to render his profession still one of the most attractive in the Far East. As we have already stated, that profession has become an institution, as firmly embedded in life in the Far East as such things as the Customs or the Church, and much more firmly than some governments we wot of. It must be confessed that some people, who profess to know what they are talking about, have expressed the opinion, and still are of that opinion, that the Glory of the Canton Government and the Inviolability of Sovereign Rights notwithstanding, the duty of the foreign nations whose vessels have been attacked and continue to be attacked is to rout out the pirates from their lair, ruthlessly, relentlessly, remorselessly; but such a happy consummation to what a lot of folk described as "a form of direct taxation that is as inevitable as the season" seems far, far away. And so piracy continues to flourish and prosper, and the pirate continues happy and practically untroubled, caring not much for the Hong Kong or any other Government, nor for anti-piracy regulations or any other regulations. This state of affairs may end sometime, but exactly when is a question that no one can answer.

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT.

"Merchant"—Your complaint is a personal matter and not of public interest. We suggest you get in touch with the authorities of the country the Consul represents.

P'RAPS—P'RAPS NOT!

The discussion at the Sanitary Board on market prices gives food for thought!

She: What's that mountain over there?

He: I don't know.

She: Charles! you don't love me any more. Before we were married you used to know everything.

Guardian (scolding): I must agree with your aunt, Jean, we rather hoped night clubs would be the last places you would go to.

Joan: I can assure you they are—they leave you just enough energy to stagger back to your cot.

Little Girl: "Auntie, why do you put that powder on your face?"

Auntie: "To make myself pretty."

Little Girl: "Then why doesn't it?"

Bad Golfer: "This can't be our ball—it's a very old one."

Caddie: "Still, it's a long time since we started, isn't it, sir?"

"You have made your hero too inflammable, I'm afraid," said the critic to the writer. "He has a lantern jaw to begin with. In Chapter II, his whole face lit up; in Chapter III, his cheeks flamed; he gave a burning glance in Chapter X; and after blazing with wrath and boiling with rage he administered a scorching rebuke in the last five pages."

Golf tyro (to caddie after having broken all his clubs in attempting to drive from the first tee): "What do I do next, boy?"

Caddie—"Try the bag, Sir."

Charlady—"Yes, sir, I've cured me 'usband o' card playin' at last."

Vicar—"Really—how?"

Charlady—"Sewed a ace o' spades up is sleeve, sir."

"Can I speak to your father to-day, my little man?"

"Papa is at the law courts."

"But you said that a month ago."

"He's still there."—Die Musketee, Vienna.

Wife: I saw my doctor to-day, dear, about my loss of memory.

Husband: What did he do?

Wife: Made me pay in advance.

Grandson Brown: "How did you live to be 100?"

Grandpa Brown: "I never smoked, drank, or stayed out o' nights."

Grandson Brown: "I meant why?"

The Fireman: "The house is on fire miss."

The Lady:—"Thank you. Kindly see that it is put out at once."

The Boatman: "Round the lighthouse for one and sixpence."

The Aberdonian: "What reduction is there if we start at low tide?"

Irate Father: "What do you mean by coming home at 5 a.m.?"

Indignant Daughter: "Good heavens! I have to patronise the old-roost some time, don't I?"

His Wife's Mother: I hope you're being careful when you dig up a worm. Remember it can feel and think just as well as you can.

A business man owned a car of ancient model which he was desirous of selling. He advertised it, and in due course met a prospective buyer to give him a demonstration.

After several unsuccessful attempts the car was finally persuaded to start. Rattling and growling, the vehicle staggered at a speed of about ten miles an hour, backing and protesting wheezily.

But the owner was an optimist, and he wanted to sell that vehicle.

"Rattling fine car this," he said, turning to the prospective buyer. "Sound in every part."

"Yes," replied the other, drily, "so I hear!"

IS THAT SO?

Thoughts Terse, Perverse - and Worse.

BY "THE MAILMAN."

To get talked about in Kowloon.
Try and live a quiet and decent life.

To get talked about in Hong Kong.
Live in Kowloon.

To get talked about on the Peak.
Simply live.

Women have gained an average of two inches in height, according to a British professor.
Sounds rather a "tall" yarn.

Some local readers condemn the Press because all the articles are not original.

Think how much worse they might be if they were!

The lady who advertises that she's going to teach modern dancing should go warily.
It's a shaky business.

According to a London professor, we owe our appreciation of dancing to tendencies inherited from the jelly-fish stage in the evolution of mankind.
In Hong Kong the converse is the case, where a jelly-fish state is the outcome of dancing.

Says Peter, one way to make your troubles grow is to keep telling 'em to other people.

The experience of the man who slept past the time of his wedding was not so very unusual.
A lot of people don't wake up till after they're married.

Perhaps it's only natural that reports of these Yangtze conflicts should be conflicting.

Of all the gifts the ability to keep one's mouth shut is the greatest.

According to the Colonial Secretary, it is a "standing" reproach that so little has been done to combat the ravages of malaria.
In fact, the Colony oughtn't to sit down under it.

Attempting the impossible: Teaching an onion to hold its breath.

The comments of the pirates about the recent naval punitive expeditions are rather biased.

Says Peter, one thing about the skirts the Kowloon lassies wear is they don't bag at the knees.

CHAIWAN MURDER.

FURTHER EVIDENCE ON FORGED NOTE.

SERGEANT REBUKED.

The most interesting evidence given before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon at the resumed hearing of the Chaiwan murder case was that of Sub-inspector P. Lane.

After recounting the events leading up to the murder of Mrs. Mackay, the witness spoke about the experiment he carried out with a forged \$1 note, to find out if the two halves of the note, which figured in the case had been cut or torn. In his experiment the witness tore the note in various ways. First he tore in the centre fold, then along a crease made with his finger nail, and finally with the edges wetted. None of the tears were as clear as the edge of the note. Mrs. Mackay was said to have cut with a pair of scissors. Three other cuts made by the witness, two with knives and the other with scissors, all produced edges which resembled the one on the deceased lady's note.

Witness Recalled.
A Chinese detective sergeant was then recalled as he wished to make a correction to his previous statement in which he had said that he had never seen the two accused prior to their arrest in Kam Wah Street, Shaukiwan. The witness now said that he had seen the second accused before his arrest.

Asked by Mr. Whyte-Smith how he came to make that mistake in his evidence in chief, the witness said that he was not very certain at the time.

This drew a rebuke from Mr. Lindsell, who asked what was the use of saying in Court that he had forgotten after he had told the police that he had seen the man before. "Call yourself a Sergeant!" The witness replied that it did not occur to him then that he had seen the second accused before.

Answering Mr. Whyte-Smith, the witness said that he thought now that he had seen second accused

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IN THE NEWS.

ITEMS FROM TO-DAY'S POLICE REPORTS.

An 8-year-old Chinese boy living at No. 26 Elgin Street was yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries to his forehead received through being knocked down by motor car No. 355 in Caine Road.

Jewellery worth \$455 was reported stolen from No. 44 Stanley Street some time between 6 a.m. and 4 p.m., yesterday during the absence of the inmates of the house.

A wrist watch which was picked up by the police in Peel Street yesterday, has been turned over to the police at the Central Station.

A thief entered the first floor of No. 18 Anton Street in the small hours of this morning and made a haul of jewellery worth \$88.

A collision occurred on the Causeway Road yesterday afternoon between tramcar No. 59 and motor lorry No. 321. Both vehicles were damaged, but no one was injured.

Mr. F. J. de Rome, living on Causeway Hill, has reported to the police the theft from his house on Monday night of a gold watch and some money to the total value of \$87.

As motor car No. 1785 was proceeding along Pokfulam Road yesterday afternoon, a 9-year-old Chinese boy ran across the road in front of the car near the junction of High Street. The driver was unable to pull up in time and the lad was knocked down suffering injuries to his face. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital in the car, but was able to return home after his injuries had been attended to.

A lady's handbag containing some money and other property which was yesterday afternoon picked up on the Star ferry wharf at Kowloon, has been handed over to the police at the Yau-mati Police Station.

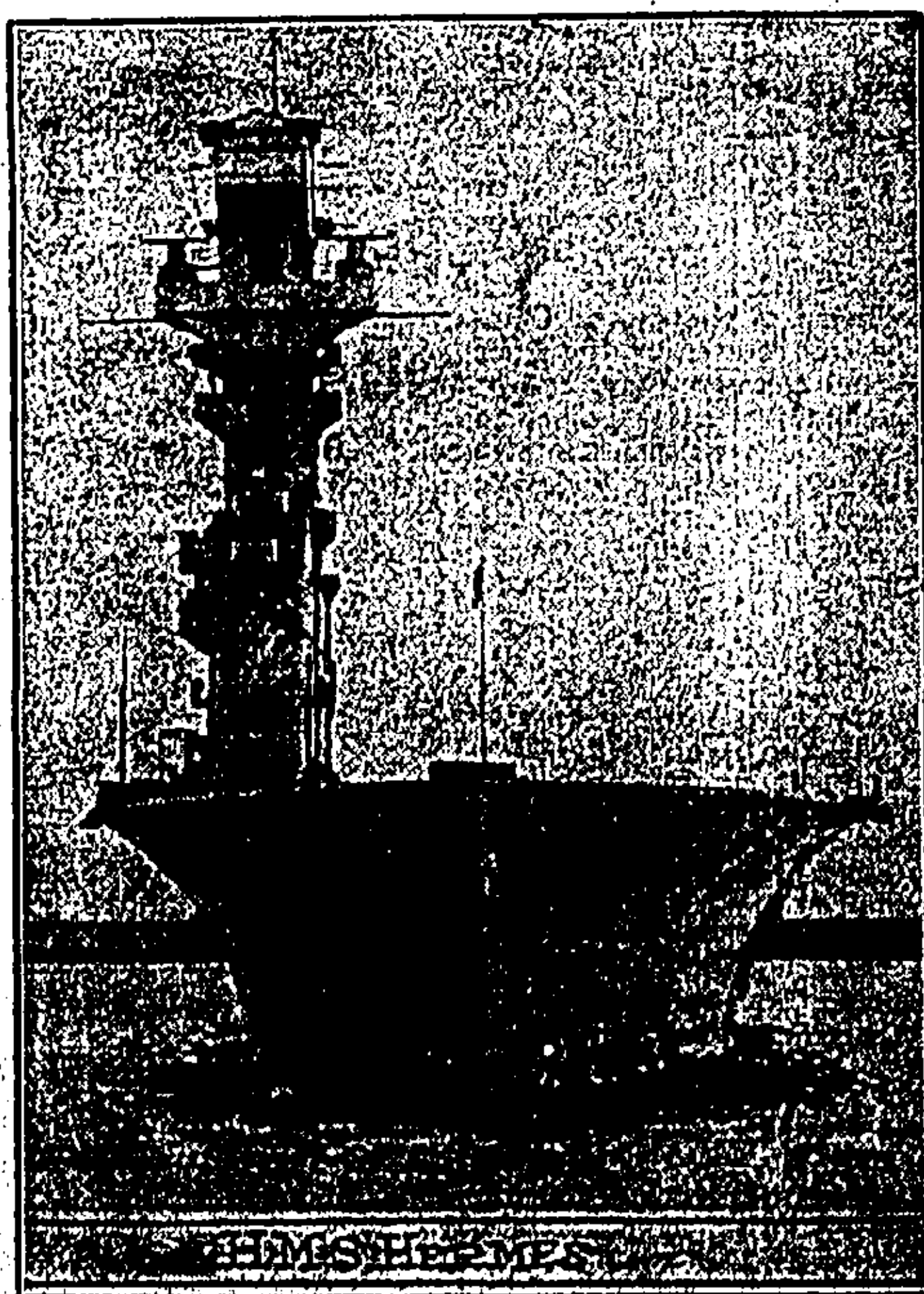
When a Chinese who was walking on Kowloon City with an electric fan in his possession was challenged by a Chinese constable, he dropped the fan and ran away. The fan, which is believed to have been stolen property, was taken by the constable to the Kowloon City Police Station.

While a Chinese coolie woman was engaged in removing earth from the hillside at Sheik-O village yesterday, a rock fell on her and fractured her left leg. She was removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

Fracturing his spine as the result of a fall from the second floor of the old building of the Taikeo Sugar Refinery, a coolie died yesterday afternoon soon after admission to the Government Civil Hospital.

Divisional Inspector Aris was driving his Austin motor car No. 1359 from Pingshan to Castle Peak at 1.30 p.m., yesterday, when he came upon a stationary lorry at the junction of the Main Road and the Sanhui Road. Sounding his horn, the Inspector made to pass the other vehicle. As he was almost abreast with the lorry a small Chinese boy shot out from the rear of the lorry right in front of the oncoming motor car. The lad was knocked down and received several cuts, which, however, were not serious. The boy's parents refused to allow the Inspector to take him to the hospital.

LEFT TO-DAY.



H.M.S. "Herring" left Hong Kong this morning for Home and is due to arrive there on September 23. After a short stay in Home waters she will return as a permanent unit of the China fleet.

BOMB EXPERTS.

DISCLOSURES FOLLOW N.Y. ARRESTS.

New York, Yesterday.

The arrest of two Mexicans in connection with a bomb explosion led to the discovery in a Brooklyn flat of two complete bombs and materials for 10 others; also a book by a Spanish police commissioner dealing with bomb making and maps of New York pencil marked at certain subway stations. Four arrests have been made.—Reuter's American Service.

MR. M. T. HERRICK.

CONDITION OF U.S. ENVOY NOT ALARMING.

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 29.

A relapse was suffered to-day by Myron T. Herrick, American ambassador to France, who recently underwent an operation here. Dr. William Lower, Herrick's physician, said that the relapse was a natural episode and should not be taken as indicating any serious turn in his condition. There is no reason to believe, Dr. Lower declared, that the relapse will disrupt Ambassador Herrick's plans to return to his post in Paris in the autumn.—United Press.

ANASTASIA?

ETERNAL QUESTION.

Living as the guest of the Duke of Leuchtenberg, in the castle Seon Obing, in Germany, is Frau von Tschakovsky, a half-crazed invalid. Many think that she is the missing Grand Duchess Anastasia, youngest daughter of the Czar, previously believed to have been murdered with the remainder of the family.

Among the victims of the Elsterburg massacre was Botkin, the Czar's physician. His son, Gleb, who was Anastasia's childhood playmate, and who shared part of her Siberian exile, was despatched from America by the North American Newspaper Alliance to make investigations.

Gleb Botkin interviewed her at length, and is absolutely certain that she is Anastasia. She knew him, discussed his relatives, and recounted matters that only Anastasia could have known.

Her handwriting was the same as Anastasia's. After the massacre Anastasia is alleged to have been rescued by a Pole named Telfakovsky, whom she married in Bucharest under the significant name of Anastasia Romanoff.

Bolsheviks Killed Husband.

She bore him a child, after which the Bolsheviks killed her husband. She went to Berlin, leaving the child in an orphan asylum. Madame Gillard, Anastasia's nurse, visited Frau von Tschakovsky and positively identified her by peculiarities of the feet and certain birth-marks, but later recanted her identification.

The mystery woman then went to Bavaria where her childhood's friend Gleb again identified her as Anastasia, after which she became the guest of the Duke of Leuchtenberg.

A Berlin paper at first championed her, but afterwards said that she was an importer named Francesca Schankowski, an insane Polish workwoman.

UNKNOWN BABY.

MUSEUM'S MODEL OF LAST OF NOBLE FAMILY.

In the Victoria and Albert Museum, London, there is a life-size model of a dead baby. Children pulled aside the cover of balze and think it is merely a doll; while even their elders, perhaps, fail to realise the full import of the information its official label gives.

The little head in its baby cap lies placidly upon a satin cushion and the eyes are closed with an expression of simple grace. The figure (the head, shoulders, and limbs are wax) is dressed in long clothes of fine cambric, embroidered with a coat of arms and trimmed with fine pillow lace. On the tiny hands are mittens.

Who the little one was or when it fell into its untimely sleep we are not told but it was somewhere in sunny Spain in the seventeenth or eighteenth century. The infant, the last of some noble family, was, in accordance with an old custom, modelled as we see it to-day to be treasured as a precious memento of hopes that died with its last breath.

The 16-year-old Chinese boy who was reported yesterday was stabbed in the abdomen during a fight with another youngster while attending some bullocks at Wahon-shuk village, Shamshul, died at the Kwong Wah Hospital, yesterday afternoon. His assailant, a lad of 11, has been arrested by the police on a charge of murder.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

September 7—Queen's Theatre; "A Slave of Fashion," and the Broadway Follies.

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September 7—Star Theatre, Kowloon; "Sherlock, Jr."

September 7—Sing Song at "Better 'Ole," 7 p.m.; Concert by "Re-sellers" at Nanking Barracks, Shamshulpo, 8 p.m.

September 8—Informal dance at the "Cheer 'O," 7 p.m.

September 9—Concert at "Cheer 'O," 7 p.m.; Variety concert at the "Better 'Ole," 7 p.m.

September 10—Grand Concert at Kowloon Cricket Ground, 8.30 p.m.

September 11—Kowloon Dock's band concert, 5 p.m.

October 1—H.K. & W.G. & M.C.L.'s "Fun o' The Fair," Lee Gardens.

Sports.

September 7—Ping Pong League; W.Y.O.B.U. v. St. Peter's Club S.C.A.A.

September 7—Whist drive at "Cheer 'O," 7.15 p.m.

September 8—Ping Pong League; W. Y. College v. H.K.U. (C.C. Y.M.S.).

September 9—Ping Pong League; C.R.C. v. Y.M.C.A. (St. Peter's Club).

September 10—Ping Pong League; T. Institute v. St. Peter's Club (S.C.A.A.).

September 11—Baseball: H.K.B.C. v. Recreation; Interport Bowls Trial, Craikengower Ground.

September 24—Tennis Leagues Chinese Recreation Club v. The Rest of the League.

October 8-10—Hong Kong Jockey Club's sixth extra race meeting at Happy Valley Race Course.

Lammert's Auctions.

September 8—At Sales Room, Duddell Street, feathers, clocks, bunnings and miscellaneous goods, 11 a.m.

September 9—A quantity of valuable household goods, at No. 5, Minden Villas, Mody Road, Kowloon.

September 12—At No. 2, Kimberley Villas, Kowloon, a quantity of valuable household furniture, 11 a.m.

September 15—At Lammert Bros.' Sales Room, valuable properties in the New Territories, 3 p.m.

Meetings.

September 9—St. John's Cathedral Organ Recital by Major E. J. Barkham, 5.30 p.m.

September 11—Service Men's meeting at the "Cheer 'O," 7.45 p.m. at the "Better 'Ole," 8 p.m.

September 16—Annual general meeting of Hong Kong St. Andrew's Society, City Hall, 5.45 p.m.

September 22—General meeting of contributors of the Hong Kong Development Building & Savings Society Ltd. (in liquidation) City Hall, 2.30 p.m.

October 22—Meeting of the New Territories Agricultural Show Committee, at Sheung Shui, 2.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

September 8—Seventh Yearly Drawing of Debentures of the Hong Kong Club, Club House, 11 a.m.

September 10—Service's lunch picnic, starting at 2.15 p.m.

September 10—Picnic by motor car for inmates of the Blind Home at Kowloon, organised by St. Peter's Y.M.C.

September 12—St. Stephen's College re-opens.

September 24—Entries close for the sixth extra race meeting of the H.K. Jockey Club, noon.

September 29—H.K.V.D.C. route march from Polo Ground to Taikeo.

December 5—Matriculation, Senior & Junior Local Examinations at the Hong Kong University, Bonham Road.

BATHERS SCARED.

"SHARK" THAT PROVED TO BE A TORPEDO.

"A shark! A shark! Swim for your life!" was the shout which went up at Le Mouillon beach, near Toulon, on August 2, when a mysterious marine monster was seen making its way directly towards the shore.

In the rush for safety a young woman bather badly cut her leg by falling on a sharp rock.

When the monster came to rest and was closely examined by fishermen it was found to be a torpedo which had been launched by a destroyer carrying out torpedo practice off the coast.

Shanghai Chinese newspapers published a report to the effect that Lu Siao-chia, son of General Lu Yung-zhang, has secretly come to Shanghai. General Lu, it is recalled, was formerly Military Governor of Shanghai and Tsuchun of Chekiang.



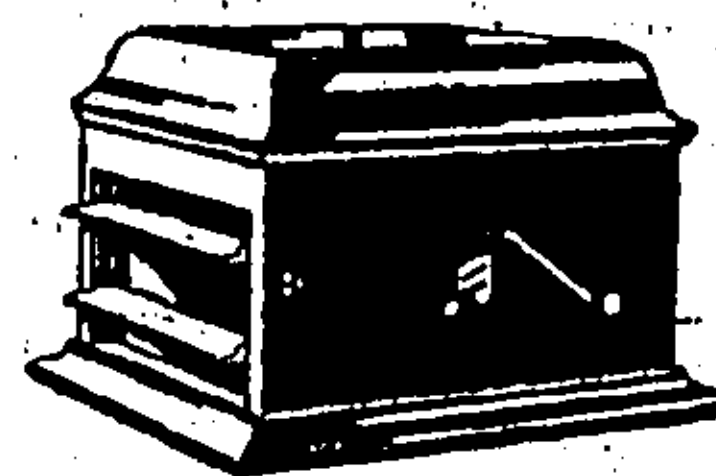
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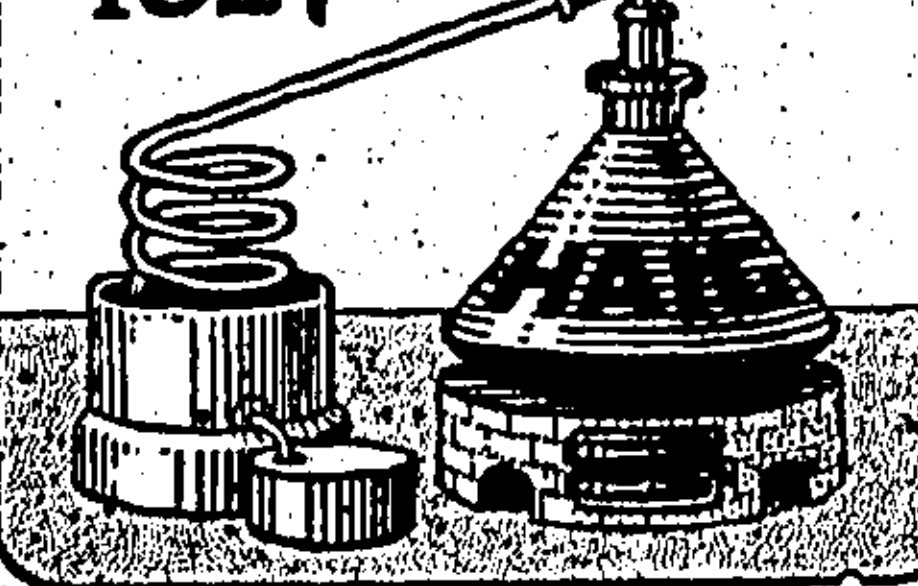
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LAWN BOWLS.

Review of Saturday's League Matches.

DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIP.

Civil Service Defeat The Bowling Green.

(By "Short Head")

Both the Civil Service Cricket Club and the Kowloon Bowling Green Club completed their first Division fixtures on Saturday when they met at Kowloon, victory going to the visitors, who thus extract the whole four points from the Bowling Green Club this season.

W. Russell was pitted against Pendered and gave his best display of the whole season, although only two shots separated the rinks at the finish. Pendered led by 6-3 at the fifth head and 11-8 at the tenth head. Russell, however, scored from the ninth to the 13th head, inclusive, from which he extracted eight shots at a critical stage of the game. He led at the 20th head by 19-13, but Pendered secured a four on the last head and thus went down by only a couple of shots. He was by no means disgraced, looking to Russell's superb individual play.

W. Macfarlane was opposed by Brawn and got his "blow" in first by securing a four on the initial head and another four on the fourth head. He led at the fifth head by 8-4, but the scores were level (12 all) at the tenth head. Macfarlane got a six on the eleventh head and led at the fifteenth head by 20-14. At the 19th head Brawn had crept up to within one of Macfarlane but the latter got a couple of twos and won by 25-20.

Farrell was up against Grimmitt in the double game, for he found the Civil Service skip in rare fettle. The latter opened with a four on the first head, got a five on the 15th head and a six on the 16th head. At the fifth head he led by 8-3, at the tenth by 11-5, and at the 15th by 19-7, running out winner by 23-10. Of the ten shots secured by Farrell eight were ones.

Second Division Championship.

In the Second Division the Kowloon Cricket Club left nothing to chance in their final game against the Yacht Club and won by exactly the same margin as on the previous Saturday at Kowloon.

Davies was pitted against Herdridge and led for the first half of the game, the score in his favour at the fifth head being 4-2 and at the tenth head 12-6. He failed to consolidate his position, however, and Herdridge's rink notched a five on the twelfth head, three on the 13th, two on the 14th, and one on the 15th, when he led by 14-13. At the 20th head the scores were level: 19 all, and Herdridge secured one shot on the final head.

Edwards was up against A. W. Smith and went down badly, scoring on only six heads. Smith led at the fifth head by 6-3, at the tenth by 15-6, and at the 15th by 21-7. He secured a five on the eighth head and four on the tenth head.

The first half of the game between Shields's and Lammer's rinks was even. Shields opened with a three and led at the fifth head by 4-3. At the tenth head the scores were level: nine all, thanks to a six which Lammer got on the sixth head. Then the latter scored from the 11th to the 17th head, inclusive, which put the issue beyond all doubt and gave the final victory by 23-13.

Thus ended the race for the championship in the Second Division, which is truly very acceptable to the Kowloon Cricket Club in view of the melancholy fact that the first team finished last on the list and were due for relegation.

SKIPS' RECORDS.

The best records among the skips are as under:

First Division.

Wallace, T.R.C.	9	0	1
Pendered, C.S.C.C.	9	0	3
Matr, F.R.C.	8	0	4
W. Macfarlane, K.B.G.C.	8	1	3
Lapsley, K.B.G.C.	6	0	2
Holland, K.B.G.C.	6	0	2
Brown, K.B.G.C.	6	2	2
Morrison, T.R.C.	6	0	5
Rumjahn, C.C.C.	6	0	4

Second Division.

McTavish, E.P.R.C.	11	1	2
Maclean, K.B.G.C.	10	0	2
Lammer, K.C.C.	10	0	4
Lee, E.P.R.C.	9	1	3
Matthews, T.R.C.	8	0	3
Herridge, K.C.C.	7	1	5
Souza, de Rec.	7	1	6
J. Ribeiro, de Rec.	7	1	6
Massey, C.S.C.C.	7	0	7
Dinnen, T.R.C.	6	3	2
Warren, K.B.G.C.	6	4	8
S. Alderman, C.S.C.C.	6	0	8
F. Knott, C.C.C.	6	0	8

INTERPORT MATCH.

First Trial Game on Sunday Afternoon.

It was hoped to stage the first trial game for the Interport match against Shanghai on Saturday, but this is not possible owing to the League fixture between the rival Districts postponed last week. The trial match accordingly will

THE ST. LEGER.

BIG DONCASTER RACE TO-DAY.

SCRATCHINGS.

Following are the probabilities as amended according to cables received from London and dated yesterday:

Son and Heir Carslake.
Restigouche Weston.
Buckfast Evans.
Shannor Lane.
Baralong S. Donoghue.
Trelawny Winter.
Mario Smirke.
Tattoo Perryman.
Hot Night H. Gragg.
Blueboy J. Childs.
Grande Vitesse Elliott.
Booklaw Jellis.
Start II H. Beasley.
Maidstone R. Jones.
Jugo J. Leach.
Prestor John Beary.
Silverstead G. Richards.
Caporal F. Fox.

Easma Club Draw.

The result of the Easma Club Draw, held last night at 17, Queen's Road, Central, was:

Names of Horses. Ticket Nos.
1 Son and Heir 9703
2 Restigouche 1165
3 Buckfast 8151
4 Shannor 14055
5 Baralong 11235
6 Arran Chief 6409
7 Trelawny 8028
8 Mario 14412
9 Tattoo 7256
10 Caporal 9637
11 Damon 4903
12 Hot Night 19520
13 Caledon 1750
14 Blueboy 5111
15 Grande Vitesse 6997
16 Compure 12633
17 Booklaw 2439
18 Start II 2062
19 Maidstone 1800
20 Gypsy King 12561
21 Jugo 15587
22 Prestor John 13066
23 Silverstead 16955
24 Grey Mist 8089
25 The Field 8504

MACAO RACES.

FOURTH EXTRA MEETING POSTPONED.

We are informed that the 4th Extra Race Meeting of the International Recreation Club of Macao has been indefinitely postponed to allow for repairs to the track and the remodeling of the pari-mutuel department. The next extra race meeting will be held some time next month.

be played on Sunday afternoon on the Craigengower Cricket Club's green, beginning at 3.30 p.m. As already stated, there will be three trials games—two of two rinks and one of one rink, and the personnel of the various rinks may be changed at any time. For Sunday's game the official rinks are:

Laing (Taikoo) 1, Brown (Kowloon Dock) 2, Morrison (Taikoo) 3, and Pendered (Civil Service), skip.

Atkinson (Kowloon Dock) 1, Bassa (Craigengower) 2, Cullen (Kowloon Dock) 3, and Wallace (Taikoo), skip.

Omar (Craigengower) 1, Reid (Police) 2, Gray (Kowloon Dock) 3, and W. Macfarlane (Kowloon Bowling Green), skip.

Oswick (Civil Service) 1, McLeod (Taikoo) 2, Holland (Kowloon Bowling Green) 3, and Lapsley (Kowloon Dock), skip.

The Selection Committee comprises Messrs W. Russell, G. Morrison, R. Lapsley, A. O. Brown, and C. J. Tacchi.

OPEN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

Progress Still Slow.

Since giving "the state of the poll" in regard to the Open Singles Championship on August 25 very poor and disappointing progress has been made with the competition. Included in the results on that date should have been a win for McLeod (Taikoo) over Brawn (Civil Service) in the second round. Since then the only results I know of are a win for Shields (Yacht Club) over R. Duncan (K.B.G.C.) in the second round and a win for Dobbie (K.B.G.C.) over Muirhead (Taikoo) in the third round.

McLeod meets the winner of the Lee, E.P.R.C. 9 1 3; Oswick—Whiteford tie; Shields plays J. Brown in the third round; and Dobbie meets Lapsley in the 4th round.

The following ties have still to be decided in the second round:

J. West v. L. J. Davies.
A. H. Oswick v. R. H. Whiteford.
A. Chapman v. A. M. Holland.
E. Kern v. T. Grimes.
W. Macfarlane v. A. Gourlay.

Including the unplayed second round ties the various Clubs are now represented in the competition as follows:—K.B.G.C., 5; K.D.R.C., 4; T.R.C., 2; C.S.C.C., 2; Yacht Club, 2; Police, 1; East Point, 1; K.C.C., 1.

The last eight should include, in addition to Lapsley, Dobbie, and League fixture between the rival Districts postponed last week. The trial match accordingly will

TRYING AGAIN.

ATTEMPT TO RECONQUER CHANNEL.

MRS. CORSON.

London, Yesterday.
Mrs. Corson, the American Danish swimmer, is attempting to swim from England to France. She set off from South Foreland at one o'clock this morning. At two o'clock this afternoon she was making good progress but later an odd tide was taking her down the Channel and rain was falling. Mrs. Corson's attempt is interesting because she has already swum the Channel in the other direction namely from France to England, having accomplished this in August last year. She is the mother of two children.—British Wireless Service.

LOCAL SOCCER.

TEAMS PARTICIPATING THIS SEASON.

At a meeting of the management committee of the Hong Kong Football League yesterday evening the following teams were accepted for the ensuing season:

Senior Division.—Royal Artillery, Royal Air Force, Chinese Athletic Association, Kowloon Football Club, K.O.S.B., Hong Kong Football Club, South China Athletic Association, Hong Kong Police, Club de Recreio, Scots Guards and the Queen's Royal Regiment.

Junior Division "A".—Royal Ar-



Gene Tunney and his manager, Billy Gibson, discussing with Tex Rickard plans for the battle in which Tunney will defend his title against Jack Dempsey. Left to right, Tex Rickard, Billy Gibson and Gene Tunney.

illery, Chinese Athletic, Kowloon, K.O.S.B., Club South China "A", South China "B", Recreio, University and St. Joseph's.

Junior "B".—Chinese Athletic, South China "A", South China "B", Boy Scouts, Kung Wo Athletic Association, Moslem, St. Joseph's and Kowloon.

Opening Games.

It was decided that the opening games should be played on October 1 and the drawing for the first matches resulted as follows:

Senior Division.

October 1.

South China v. Royal Artillery.
K.O.S.B. v. Police.
Club v. Chinese Athletic.
Queen's v. Recreio.
Kowloon v. Scots Guards.
R. A. F. bye.

October 8.

R. A. F. v. Chinese Athletic.
Club v. Kowloon.
South China v. Recreio.
K.O.S.B. v. Royal Artillery.
Police v. Scots Guards.
Queen's bye.

Junior Division "A".

October 1.

Royal Artillery v. St. Joseph's.
K.O.S.B. v. Kowloon.
Recreio v. South China "A".
South China "B" v. University.
Club v. Chinese Athletic.

Junior Division "B".

St. Joseph's v. Boy Scouts.
South China "A" v. Chinese Athletic.
Kung Wo v. South China "B".
Kowloon v. Moslem.

LOCAL WATER POLO.

The following will represent the K.B.S.F.P.A. "A" team in their water polo match with the K.B.S.F.P.A. "B" team at the Victoria Recreation Club at 6 o'clock this evening: B. Angus, W. Lawson, J. Pearce, E. W. Raiton, C. Logan, W. C. Simpson, and R. W. Mitchell. Reserve: E. Murphy.

HOME CRICKET.

SEASON-END MATCHES DRAWN.

London, Yesterday.

The North drew with the South at Folkestone.
North scored 203, Hearn taking six wickets for 70; and 144 for three.
South made 450 for nine declared (Chapman 149 not out).
The Players drew with the Gentlemen at Scarborough.
Players scored 513 for nine declared (E. Tyldesley 116, Hobbs 119; Holmes 127).
Gentlemen made 271 and, following on, 204 for three (Jupp 101 not out).
The New Zealanders drew with Wales.
Wales scored 182 and 183 for nine declared.
New Zealand made 130 and 124 for two wickets.—Reuter.

SHORTER GOLF RULES?

SPIRIT AND LETTER OF THE LAW.

From time to time efforts have been made by independent authorities to shorten and simplify the rules of golf. A determined pioneer in this country, one of the few people who might be considered word-perfect in golfing law, went thoroughly into the subject a little while ago, and produced a code which unified the rules for both match play and medal play, thus securing a considerable abbreviation.

Similar endeavours have been put forward in the United States, a

Another Extreme.
Far outnumbering the Graspers are the Reasonables—those who, in a friendly game, do not pounce upon the chance of claiming a hole for a breach of a rule, especially when some doubt exists (as often it does) as to whether any violation of the law has been perpetrated, and when the player has not profited by the incident.

In another category is a small section of the community who may be described as the Nonchalants. They are often more than merely good fellows; they are whimsical. I remember a foursome two of the players in which were a famous cricketer and an equally well-known musical comedy actor. These two enthusiasts soon asserted command over the entire proceedings, and introduced whatever rules they thought might be desirable from time to time.

If the ball happened to be tucked up against a wall or the face of a hazard, they agreed that it should be brought into a position of accessibility. It was the easiest matter in the world to decide mutually upon a fair place from which the ball should be played.

This was not exactly golf. It was a round of gaily, with the elements of golf as the promoter of much jocundity.

The average person likes his golf to be reasonably serious. Some people like it to be downright solemn; and a few seem to enjoy it most when it provides a spirit of real acrimony. They wrangle over small points; quote rules till they are almost blue in the face, and of a certainty enjoy themselves and their golf.

They are not in the least degree unhappy. It is a most terrible waste of the Christian spirit for a belligerent onlooker to wish that they could be more amiable in their rivalry. They are as happy as sandboys, only not in the same way as sandboys—they are engaged largely in sand excavations. Rest assured that these fighting golfers have a high old time. They would not have the slightest respect for an opponent who waived a breach of the rules which they had committed. They would regard him as foolish.

Perfect Discard.

When two of them meet, they are at concord in their discord. It is only when harmony meets unhappiness that unpleasantness ensues. It must be very annoying to one person who is playing the piano perfectly to have dinning in his ears a discordant noise from the instrument next door. But if two parties thump unmercifully and untunefully upon their respective pianos I imagine that neither suffers the smallest inconvenience. One has only to watch a jazz band at work to appreciate the moral of this point. It is good sport all round, and in just the same way is a golf match between two desperately antagonistic souls a fine diversion from the ordinary trend of life. Short or long, the rules will never alter human nature in the golfer. Mr. John L. Low, who has done more than anybody else to evolve the present code, confesses frankly that nobody ever studies it unless he is obliged to do so.

Professionals are obliged to do so because golf is their livelihood as well as their hobby. I really believe that, on the whole, they observe the rules much more rigorously than amateurs, and in a very sporting spirit. Their knowledge saves them from the discord which presents itself when one player knows the rules and the other doesn't.—Harry Vardon.

CAPT. DAVIES.

WELL KNOWN CUSTOMS OFFICER.

There was a large attendance at the Hankow Customs Club recently, the occasion being the presentation of an illuminated address to Capt. Davies upon his retirement from the service of the Chinese Maritime Customs after 30 years of service.

Mr. H. G. MacEwan, Acting Deputy Commissioner of Customs, in charge temporarily, presented to Capt. Davies an illuminated address in mahogany frame, and a draft on London subscribed by his fellow-workers.

Capt. Davies made a short speech of thanks, in which he expressed his appreciation of the gift made to him and of the loyal co-operation of his staff, both foreign and Chinese, for many years. Capt. Davies joined the Customs in 1897 as a watchman in Canton, and after service at Samshui, Kowloon, Shanghai, Pakhoi, Foochow and Changsha he was promoted to the rank of Harbour-Master at Swatow. He was then transferred to Ichang, and subsequently went on home leave. Upon his return in 1924 he was transferred to Hankow and was shortly after promoted to be Harbour-Master and Chief Tide Surveyor. Capt. Davies has been decorated by the Chinese Government, for services rendered, with the order of the Chia Ho. Capt. Davies' successor is Mr. O. Schmitt. Capt. Davies intends to make his home in Devonshire.

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POLICE RESERVE.

CHINESE AND INDIAN COMPANIES.

COMMENDATIONS.

The following orders have been issued by the Captain Superintendent of Police:

Strength.—The following have enrolled in the Chinese Company and are posted respectively as under:

Constables R. 9 Li Man-shing, R. 73 Ho Shiu-que, R. 74 Ng Chi-chow to No. 3 Section.
Constable R. 75 Ip Ping-chi to No. 2 Section.
Dismissal.—Constable R. 57 Lai Kim-ying is dismissed from the Force as from September 1, 1927.

Commendations.—Constable R. 18 Hwang Hong-yeh is highly commended by the C. S. P. for assisting the Regular Police in the arrest of a pickpocket on August 27.

Constable R. 41 Chow Wai-chuen is commended by the C. S. P. for prompt assistance rendered and correct action taken in a motor car accident on August 22.

Indian Company.

Strength.—The following have enrolled in the Indian Company and are posted as under:

R. 247 Usaf Ali.
Commendation.—Constable R. 215 Fazal Mohamad is highly commended by the C. S. P. for rescuing a Chinese woman from drowning on July 24.

Motor Cyclist Section (Flying Squad).

The following notification in the Hong Kong Government "Gazette" is repeated for the information of all ranks:

The Hong Kong Government "Gazette" of September 2, 1927, Notification No. 499.
"His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. George Harold Thomas, M.D., B.Sc., to be Assistant Superintendent of Police (Reserve) and be in command of the Motor Cyclist Section, Hong Kong Police Reserve."

Strength.—The following have enrolled in the Motor Cyclist Section (Flying Squad), and are posted respectively as under:

Hong Kong Section.

Constables R. 301 Choa Hing-ki, R. 302 Harry Kong, R. 304 A. B. Hamson, R. 305 Lo Shiu-wah, R. 306 S. B. Kitchell, R. 307 T. B. Rolland, R. 308 V. A. Shea, R. 309 R. Young, R. 310 P. O. Peuster, R. 311 Yeung Siu-tin, R. 312 Michael Lim, R. 314 J. Van der Lely, R. 315 Ho So, R. 316 P. S. Siu, R. 317 Cheng Yew, R. 318 Poon Wing-look, R. 320 A. Black, R. 323 O. Ismail, R. 324 A. Hamid, R. 327 Look King, R. 328 H. Kew, R. 329 H. M. Kew, R. 330 J. Kotwall, R. 331 A. E. Greenway, R. 332 Li Shiu-huen, R. 333 B. C. Randall, R. 334 J. Carr, R. 335 H. A. Wittenbach, R. 343 Mok Fung-ye, R. 344 Poon Lok-chi, R. 346 Charles So.

Appointments.—The following appointments have been made in the Motor Cyclist Section (Flying Squad) with effect from September 2, 1927:

Constable R. 302 Harry Kong to be Crown Sergeant.
Constable R. 301 Choa Hing-ki to be Lance Sergeant.
Constable R. 310 P. O. Peuster to be Lance Sergeant.

General.

Police Training School.—The advanced members of the Chinese and Indian Companies will attend at the Police Training School at 5.30 p.m. sharp on Thursday, September 8, and Tuesday, September 13 for instruction in Police duties and regulations by Inspector H. J. Patterson. Every member attending will bring his Instruction Book with him.

Parades.—All recruits of the Chinese and Indian Companies will parade in Mufti at the Central Police Station for squad drill and rifle exercises under Sergeant R. J. Hunt at 5.30 p.m. sharp on Thursday, September 8 and Tuesday, September 12.

Indian Company on Friday, September 9 and Monday, September 12.

(Sgd.) G. B. Hartford.

D.S.P. (R.),

Adjutant.

Hong Kong, September 6, 1927.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Yesterday.

Paris	124
New York	4.85 1/8
Brussels	34.51 1/2
Geneva	25.21
Amsterdam	12.12 1/2
Milan	89.45
Berlin	20.44
Stockholm	18.10
Copenhagen	18.16
Oslo	18.53
Vienna	34.43
Prague	163.7
Helsingfors	192.7
Madrid	28.76 1/2
Lisbon	2.7 1/16
Athens	367 1/2
Bucharest	795
Rio	5.27 3/4
Buenos Aires	48 5/8
Bombay	1.6 61/64
Shanghai	2.5 1/4
Hong Kong	1.11 1/4
Yokohama	1.11 15/16
Silver Spot and Forward	25 5/16

—British Wireless Service.

MONEY & SHARES.

YESTERDAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—	
Bank Wire	1/11 1/2
Bank on demand	1/11 1/2
Bank 30 days' sight	1/11 1/2
Bank 4 months' sight	1/11 1/2
Credits 4 months' sight	2/- 3/4
Documentary 4 months' sight	2/- 3/4
On Paris—	
On demand	1215
Credits, 4 months' sight	1290
On Berlin—	
On demand	—
On New York—	
On demand	47 1/2
Credits 60 days' sight	49 1/2
On Bombay—	
Wire	—
On demand	331 1/4
On Calcutta—	
Wire	—
On demand	331 1/4
On Singapore—	
On demand	84 1/2
On Manila—	
On demand	96
On Shanghai—	
On demand	79 1/2
80 days' sight (private paper)	—
On Yokohama—	
On demand	100 1/2
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per taal)	—
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	9.85
Silver (per oz.)	25 5/16
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	—
Kong	1 1/2 % prem.
Chinese Copper Cents	—
Chinese Copper Cash	6 1/2 %
Rate of Native Inland	—
Interest	7 1/2 % p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	28 1/4 % dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin	par

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Stock	Hong Kong Stock Exchange
T.T. on London	1/11 1/4
T.T. on Shanghai	79 1/2
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

A semi-official Belgrade paper supports the view that the conclusion of a Treaty of Amity between France and Jugo-Slavia is imminent.

Four hundred Northern soldiers, who were taken prisoner by the Nationalists in the recent fighting in the vicinity of Nanking, arrived at the North Station under guard. They will be removed to a war prisoner camp.

By negotiating 200-metres breast stroke in 3 minutes and 16 3-5 seconds Miss Ekke Jacobson, a Danish woman, broke the world record for the distance in a swimming contest recently held in Oslo between representatives of Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland.

The Unification Committee of the Shanghai Labour Unions has issued an order for all labour unions to be on the alert for communists. It is stated that a number of communists have gone to Shanghai to create disturbances and are hiding in the Settlement. The Commissioner of Foreign Affairs has been requested to negotiate with the Consular Body in reference to permitting the Chinese authorities to make arrests in the Settlement.

Two soldiers in Hankow each sold a gold ring to a third soldier, for twenty-five and thirty dollars, respectively. Later, however, when the soldiers tried to use the notes they had taken in exchange, they were found to be forgeries. The third soldier was accordingly arrested and at the 7th branch police station a further bundle of forged treasury notes, to the number of 95, were found concealed in his stockings. He was, therefore, despatched at once to the Bureau of Public Safety.

Sir Arthur Yapp, the national secretary of the Y.M.C.A., in an appeal made to a congregation of over 2,000 in York Minster on August 7, on behalf of the Association, referred to his recent visit to Shanghai to see the work done for the British soldiers. The youths of China, he said, were confronted with three voices: that of Japan, which seemed to say that force was the only power; that of Britain, where they saw knowledge was power; and the third the voice of Soviet Russia, which seemed to tell them that the only hope was in blood and revolution. There remained one other voice, that of religion, and he believed that the youths of China today were studying as never before the ancient systems of religion and realising how powerless were the dumb gods of history.

Considerable damage to property and crops has been caused by a tornado which swept the town of Wilmer. There were no deaths.

According to the Chinese police returns, Mukden, the population of Fengtien Province is 14,774,126 consisting of 7,640,897 males and 7,133,129 females.

Convicted by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday on a charge of burglary at Nos. 182-184 Tsimnam Street, Shamshui, in the early hours of Monday last, a Chinese was sentenced to five months' jail.



Son Robert M. LaFollette, Jr., of Wisconsin, who recently, following in the footsteps of his father, bolted the Administration completely on the third term issue.

In spite of Ankara's denials, rumours persist that the Turkish Finance Minister's trip to London relates to a possible loan. The city is cautious in view of the fact that the most valuable concessions of Turkey are already allocated, leaving no adequate guarantees available.

A rather alarming accident occurred to Miss Forrester of Cameron Road, Kowloon, last night. The lady was riding in a ricksha in Nathan Road about 8 p.m., when turning into Carnarvon Road the ricksha was collided with by a passing motor bus. Miss Forrester was thrown out of the ricksha and bruised about the face. Luckily she did not suffer any serious injury and was able to proceed home.

Constantinople reports that the insurrection in the Persian province, Adzerbadjan, has been stamped out. The rebels aimed at an autonomous Republic.

The Police of Vienna had accused Russian diplomats to have been connected with the recent Vienna rising. The Austrian Government presented apologies to Soviet Russia as investigations revealed the accusations to be unfounded.

In an athletic meet recently held in Paris, Germany defeated France by 80 points to 62. Martin, French champion, by negotiating half mile in 1 minute 53 1-5 seconds, succeeded in wrestling the half mile crown from Peltzer, holder of the title.

An alleged telegram from Peking, published recently by a Shanghai Chinese newspaper, states that the miners at Pung Chi Ho have gone on strike for better pay and have clashed with the Japanese garrison. The paper claims that the Japanese turned machine guns on the workers and that four workers were killed, 10 wounded and four Japanese soldiers and five Japanese civilians wounded.

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Last week a Chinese youth charged with the embezzlement of \$1,800 from the Tin Sing S.S. Company, where he was employed, was remanded by Mr. R. E. Lindell to enable his father to make arrangements to refund the money, when it was understood the accused would be given a chance as a first offender. When the case was again called yesterday, it was stated that the father had not yet refunded a cent of the money embezzled. Mr. Lindell passed sentence of two months' hard labour, but as a last chance for the accused, intimated that he would be prepared to reconsider the sentence if the father could make proper restitution within one week. It was impressed on the father that after the expiration of the one week it would be impossible to save his son from jail.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Viscount Bearsted left London on August 10 to join Viscountess Bearsted at Newtonmore.

Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson had the honour of dining with their Majesties on board the Royal yacht at Cowes on August 7.

Prince and Princess Ri of Chosen, accompanied by His Excellency the Japanese Ambassador, visited the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace on August 9.

Mr. Frank Copeman, of Cliveden, chairman of the Rubber Estates Agency, Ltd., and chairman and director of a number of other rubber companies, died on May 8, aged 65, leaving a fortune of £174,296.

The death is announced from Budapest of Mr. Martin Lovasz, former Minister and leader of the Hungarian Octobrists who organised the Revolution of October, 1918, which led to the establishment of the present republic.

The marriage arranged between Mr. J. V. S. Brooke and Miss Muriel Fell will take place in Singapore in the autumn. Major and Mrs. Fell and Miss M. Fell leave Marseilles for Singapore Sept. 30 in the P. and O. steamship "Mongolia."

A farewell luncheon was given by Sir Sidney and Lady Barton at the British Consulate-General in Shanghai, in honour of Colonel-Commandant P. B. Sangster and the officers of the 9th (Jhansi) Brigade, who left on September 3, and returned to Jhansi in India, their former station.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Manasseh, who have been residing at the Piccadilly Hotel for over three months, are now visiting Paris, Deauville and Aix-les-Bains, en route to Marseilles, where they join the P. and O. steamer "Malwa," sailing from that port for Singapore on August 19.

Sen Katsuyama, an aged Japanese in Shanghai, is a man without a country. Katsuyama is an old revolutionist and later a communist. Japan will have none of him and he has found his presence elsewhere unwelcome. Recently the man applied to the Japanese Government for permission to return to his country and live in peace for the remainder of his life. The Japanese Government, suspicious of his motives, denied the request, chiefly because of the man's participation in the disturbances in Japan in 1926.

The death is announced of Mr. Marcus Loew, cinema magnate.

The marriage of Towkay Chang Seng Long's eldest daughter with Mr. Lim Yat Poh took place at Seremban.

Viscount and Viscountess Incheape have left their residence in Hamilton-place for Glenapp Castle, Ballantrae, Ayrshire.



President Siles, of Bolivia, whose death was plotted by a group of Communists. The revolutionary plot, just uncovered, shows that the plotters intended to invade the presidential palace during the night and kill President Siles. It is stated that the plotters hoped to establish a Communist regime and recall Bautista Saavedra, the former President. Twenty persons were arrested.

The King has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Mr. Herbert William Prichard, K.C. (Procureur and Advocate-General, Mauritius), as a Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of the Straits Settlements.

Two Japanese, Mr. Mahsuhata and Mr. Uramatsu, who had with them the well-known guides, Emile Steuri and Samuel Brawand, both of Grindelwald, have succeeded in climbing the Eiger (in the Bernese Alps) by the Hörnli arete. This climb has been vainly attempted by a great number of intrepid Alpine climbers for years.

Mr. C. P. Smith is appointed an Assistant District Judge, and Coroner in Singapore.

Admiral Viscount Saito was presented on August 9, to President Doumergue by Viscount Ishii, the Japanese Ambassador in Paris.

The death is announced of the prohibition leader, Mr. Wayne Wheeler. Mr. Wheeler's wife was burned to death at Michigan last week, and her father dropped dead with shock on seeing her in flames.

Mr. P. K. A. Meerkamp van Embden has at his request been honourably relieved of the post of Dutch Consul at Manila. Mr. T. Bremer, Dutch Vice-Consul at Manila, has been placed in charge of the Consulate.

Mr. Gilbert Earnest Traill (76), a director of the Linggi Plantations, Garing (Malacca) Rubber Estate, Golconda Malay Rubber, Kamuning (Perak) Rubber and Tin Company, Kimania Rubber, Bidor Rubber and Craig Tea Estates, and a director of various other rubber and tea companies, left £77,262.

The Pope has appointed Mgr. Gennaro Hayasaka, of the Diocese of Hakodate, first Japanese Bishop of Nagasaki. Mgr. Hayasaka will come to Rome at the end of October to be consecrated by the Pope himself, and the ceremony, one of great splendour, will take place in St. Peter's. The Pope has also created a new Diocese, Fukuta, Japan, and has appointed as Bishop Mgr. Ferdinand Thiry of the Society of Foreign Missions in Paris.

A fortune of well over a quarter of a million has been left by Mrs. Rachel Beer, at one time proprietor of the "Observer," which, at a certain stage of its career, long prior to its present prosperity, could have been acquired for a few thousand pounds. Mrs. Beer, who lived in one of those gigantic houses in Chesterfield Gardens was something of a character. She was a tiny little woman and very shy, but she had curious bursts of energetic energy, and occasionally, not content with newspaper editing, tried her hand at newspaper editing with queer results. Her husband, who died many years ago, was even shyer and more insignificant than she was, and Mr. T. P. O'Connor writes of visiting them and finding "two poor little figures, small of stature, with thin and shrunken frames, with a look of pathetic timidity, crumpled up close to a fire. Their manner was that of two little frightened mice."

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FASHIONS AND FANCIES

DOES YOUR PORCH SUIT YOU?

Lucile Kelly writes in the "Manila Times":

I was talking to a young matron the other afternoon as we sat on her perfectly adorable verandah sipping tea. "You know, I have lived in this house two years and I feel the need of a change." "A change, my goodness what's the matter with it, it looks as cool and as comfortable as any porch in Manila." "Well, that's it. It's as cool as any place in Manila but I haven't been away except for a few days up at Baguio during the hot weather and I simply have to have a colour change. You, being at your work every day don't notice whether your home is blue, black or green. When you come home you are only aware that it's cool, cozy, and easy to look at. I put in nearly every hour of the twenty-four in this house, from the porch to the kitchen and back again, and I am getting terribly tired of its arrangement, its furniture and everything else, and I am going to change it and you are going to help me." So, that was that.

It was a pleasant porch but I could understand just how she felt. We decided that it really didn't need any drastic changes but just a wee bit of rearrangement. Its a large square affair with a floor of red and tan tiling, a high railing entirely around it and hanging baskets fastened from the top of the ceiling. The furniture is wicker consisting of several arm chairs, a few tables, a large wicker lamp, a couch and chaise longue.

Colour Change Important.

First we studied over the colour. The tiling being of tan and red, the wicker furniture gray and rather shabby as we looked at it with critical eyes; the cushions were of tan and red and the fern boxes along the ledge, green. Decidedly we needed new colours. Of course we couldn't change the floor, but we could change that furniture and after much debating decided on black, red, tan and orange with an occasional splash of green. But, such a lot of colours, you will say. But never mind the colours, when they are all in just the right places you will agree with me that our colour scheme was rational. First, we painted the chairs and tables black. A nice shiny black that fairly sparkled when it was dry. Then we made cushions and back pads and arm pads of red and black chintz, and the red in the chintz was that really bright turkey red which picked out a pattern of perfectly gorgeous birds. We then hunted around until we found a bright orange table cover and we edged that with a black sateen band. The large wicker lamp shade we lined with orange silk. The couch we covered with a rug of tan and red and heaped it high with cushions of tan, black orange and green. The fern boxes were repaired and painted a bright green and along the railing on the floor we placed large and round pottery jars and painted them a bright orange. And in these jars we placed green growing plants. For 50 centavos each we bought some little wooden tables and painted these black with little fine bands of orange for decoration and on these, which were placed conveniently near the wide soft cushioned arm chairs were used for trays and magazines. The large wicker table held the usual array of books and papers and at one end was a long wooden box in which were bridge pads, pencils, cards all ready for any guests that might drop in for an evening round.

Results Good.

The cost was little; the result big, for it was a great satisfaction to see friend husband's face light up when he came home from the day's toil to a cool comfortable porch, where he could lay his hand on his favourite magazine, find it not too much of an effort to reach his humidor and pipe, and the light was just at the right angle over his left shoulder. Then too, when guests dropped in for a round of bridge it was worth a lot to be able to bring out the folded table from against the wall, reach in the long box and scramble the cards, pencils and score pads, without the usual scramble.

Is Your Porch Just Right?

Why don't you look at your porch to-day and see if there isn't some thing missing, something which will

The lady correspondent of a Manila paper writes:

I have just received a letter from my friend, the Paris buyer of several San Francisco shops of whom you have read of in this column many times. Her last letter reads in part:—

You ask me about hats. I have never seen so many different kinds and different styles. Since the Lindbergh flight, there has been a sudden revival of the little felt hats and they are very pretty being in lovely pastel shades and cleverly cut. Some have wings in either side, others have the regulation aviation cut and many bear the stamp of aviation in form of a tiny propeller. But all the new felt hats are small as the one pictured.

Whenever I want to get a new "slant" on style I have luncheon at the Paris Ritz. There is no better place than the Ritz during the season to view this interesting gathering in the world of fashion. People from all over the world come to the Ritz and if one is the least bit discerning; one can soon gather just which style is suitable and becoming to the different nationalities. The American prefers one line or cut, the Parisian another, the Senoritas of Spain another and although the cut in Paris, there is a difference. It is just that which makes it so interesting. Of course this great gathering is well interspersed with smart manikins from the best known houses who are sent out to promote some fad or mode, be it a new gown, a new jewel or a new vanity case.

You particularly asked me about the hat and of course I kept in mind the climate of the tropics but it is cut and line no matter the material. I saw one hat to-day that was smart as smart. It was stamped all over with that indefinable something which tells the style expert that here is something. It was a medium sized hat and in the new coarse straw known as pall-laslon, in unbroken black. A narrow gross grained ribbon, ending in a flat tailored now encircle a rather squarish crown. It made me think of the old time sailor yet the brim had a suggestion of drooping rather than being straight. It was worn with a very clever ensemble, and its very true that the hat is nothing unless it plays its part directly in making the entire ensemble. Mi-lady wore a white cleverly cut tailored suit, a white blouse and a stunning silver fox fur—but she did look warm even though she was the last word in chic.

Many Varieties of Straws.

You wanted to know about straws—well I see every day very attractive models in ball—bunt, woven Japanese straw, Baku, which is shiny Chinese straw, and many of the natural leghorn. I saw quite recently a very lovely hat in purple Japanese straw worn with a violet chiffon frock. This straw is of fine weave and will outlast the season.

By the way, I did see a hat which is most suitable for your climate. This was of a large droopy hat of soft straw and trimmed in velvet plisse and a deeper shade of rose. With it was worn a slimy flowered chiffon frock of white with immense rose coloured flowers. The colours are fascinating; Pastels predominate then there is much pale—blue, pale rose violet and as Indian summer comes along beige shades. Isn't it funny that as fall comes; fashion turns to brown and blue and gray and orchid and gold. All of a sudden the most beautiful soft rose-gray cloud appeared and he was entranced. He turned to me and said "Ah—if I could only reproduce that shade" and he gazed at it perfectly enthralled until it faded away. And yet—Nature plays no part. "Funny isn't it?"

help it to look a little better, something to make it more comfortable. Maybe it's just a new cushion, and added touch of colour, a canary singing in its cage, or some new growing plants. May be a bit of rearrangement—Look it over with the critical eye.

PARIS HATS.

TUCKED HATS.

Trimming is being featured on new wide-brimmed felt hats. These felts are quite a novelty and are a development of the vagabond and the dustman hats save that crowns are not such an obsession and are more moulded to the head than they were and have not nearly so many folds and pinches—for which one may be devoutly thankful. On the wide-brimmed hats, which are short at the back, there is usually a large flower or flowers, to match the daytime chiffon flowers now being worn on the shoulder of many of the crepe jumper suits. Others are trimmed with ribbon, and some of the new palatial straw hats show satin ribbons in mixed colours wrapped round the crown and tied in the loose choux that used to be popular four or five years ago. This is a change from the hard, formal bands of petersham brought round the crowns and finished in formal hard flat side fixings. The whole tendency is toward softness and less hardness of line. Petersham is still used both to trim and to make hats, and there are many new petershams, some with embroidered spots, but on the whole the softer ribbons seem becoming more and more fashionable.

Ospreys and birds of paradise, though not allowed to be imported, have reappeared as trimming. This is amusing when one thinks of the scrutiny through which all feathers have to pass when going through the Customs. Only the other day the buyer in a miscellaneous fancy department of a big store had enormous delays and trouble in getting some feather dusters for motors through the Customs. They were to retail at 6s. 6d., and were obviously from the plumage of some domestic fowl, but being feathers they were "queried" at the ports for some weeks. And yet many "dresy" hats are shown with jutting ospreys and flowing paradise. Milliners say they are from old hoards laid in before the prohibition of their import.

Tucking is another strong feature at the moment on both felt hats and straw hats. Some of the felt hats have sets of fine tucks, top sewn, to give them substance at one side of the seam, which is now somewhat lower in height and not so much folded or pinched. Other ways of using tucks is in geometric patterns across the front of the crown and this is both on straws and felts. Stitching is also being used largely on millinery, and some of the large felt hats, which are unwired, are stitched to keep them from being too floppy. Small hats of the pull-type, in taffeta and velvet, are being stitched to give them greater importance. There are new "homespun" felts—so called because they look like homespun materials and these also are stitched; other new felts are treated with poker work effects, with patterns burnt in on their surface—"Manila Times."

BEAUTY SECRETS.

If girls only realised it (writes a leading beauty specialist) the care of the throat is a duty that should almost amount to a rite. Many women possess a pretty neck naturally, but are so careless about it that by the time they are forty it presents something of the appearance of the neck of a plucked fowl.

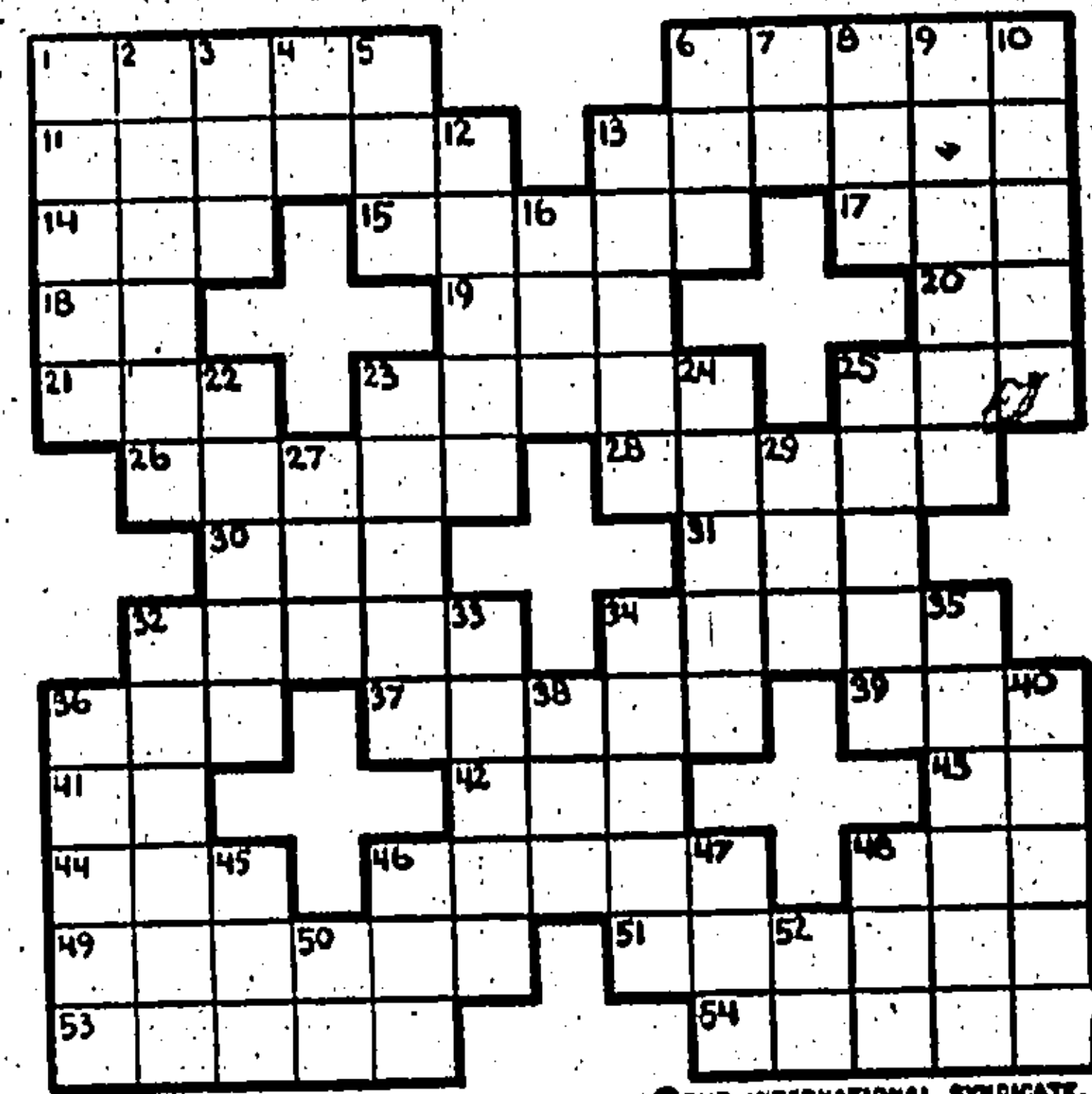
It is most important to wash the neck before retiring most thoroughly. All trace of the dust that inevitably leaves its mark after a day in the city should be as soon as possible carefully removed. Warm water, in which has been placed a handful of oatmeal, should be used instead of cold, and a good vegetable soap which suits the individual skin should be evenly applied with a washer of Turkish towelling.

After drying with a soft linen towel, an application of peroxide of hydrogen may be beneficial, if there are any brownish stains behind the ears. If preferred however, about a dozen drops of benzoin may be added to the original washing water, as this, too, is an excellent bleacher.

If the neck be really discoloured, no amount of washing will improve it without some bleaching agency. Sometimes it is necessary to wear a bandage all night to keep in place some soothing ointment. One that may easily be made at home is concocted from one ounce of honey,

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 1-Articles
- 5-Extra tire
- 11-Wreck a train
- 12-Went abroad
- 13-Anger
- 15-Tense
- 17-Fall behind
- 18-Conjunction
- 19-Part of a fish
- 20-Prisoner
- 21-Rabble
- 22-Make over
- 23-Cot
- 24-Allude
- 25-Death
- 26-Lick
- 27-Girl's name
- 28-Kind of roof
- 29-Man's name (familiar)
- 30-Crow's language
- 31-Long for
- 32-Canine

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 41-Preposition
- 42-Past
- 43-Negative
- 44-Indian of certain tribe
- 45-Simmer
- 46-Confusion
- 48-Stay
- 51-Female relative (pl.)
- 53-Confidence
- 54-At that place

VERTICAL

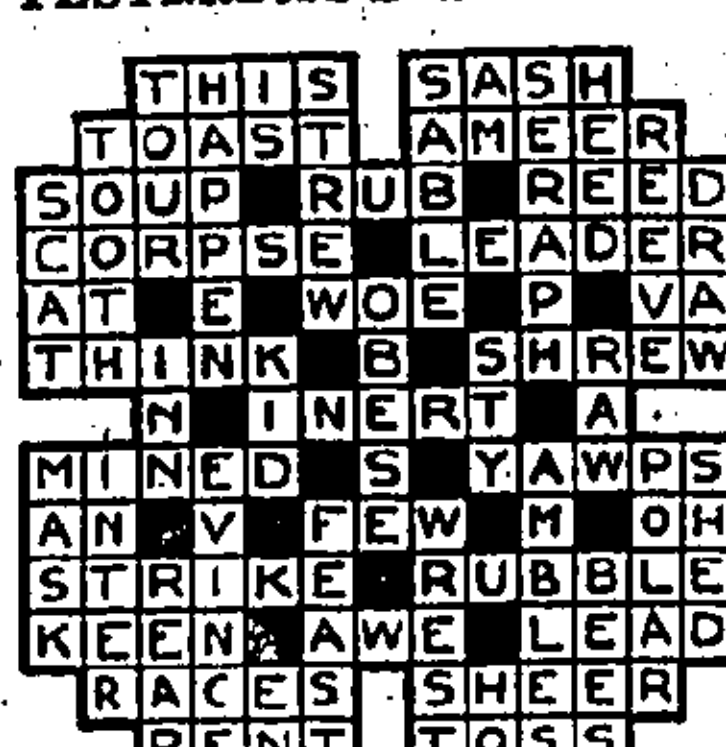
- 1-Characteristic of a language
- 2-Fan
- 3-Before
- 4-Parent
- 5-Title
- 6-Gloomy
- 7-Jumbled type
- 8-Total
- 9-Bored larger

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 10-Having a rim
- 12-Life convict
- 13-Muscle
- 16-Liquor
- 22-Under
- 23-Reimburs
- 24-Females
- 25-Mix
- 27-Distant
- 28-Hurried
- 32-Easy gallop
- 33-Find out
- 34-A color
- 35-There
- 36-Woo
- 38-Grow old
- 40-Fowl
- 45-Ostrich-like bird
- 46-Carpenter's tool
- 47-Rescue
- 48-Playing card
- 50-For instance
- 52-Interjection

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



one teaspoonful of lemon-juice, six drops of almond oil, the whites of two eggs, and sufficient corn meal to make a smooth, easy, workable paste. This should be spread thickly on a piece of linen about three inches—or the size required by the individual—in width, and fastened firmly around the throat. When the bandage is taken off in the morning wash the throat very gently with good soap and warm water, in which a handful of oatmeal has been put. Great care must always be taken not to irritate the skin in any way. A reliable skin food may be massaged in. Some women find olive oil excellent.

Exercises benefit tremendously in producing a comely throat. One within every one's power is to balance a book upon the top of the head and walk about for a quarter of an hour, keeping it in position. If the stairs are

mounted during the process of the exercise two or three times, the whole figure will be improved. This exercise should be continued for at least a month, but when taken regularly is of lasting improvement.

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MENACE OF ORIENT.

IS THE GAGE THROWN DOWN?

Mr. Sisley Huddleston writes to the "Sidney Sun":

Between East and West there is a great gulf. One likes to dream of the solidarity of mankind, and to look forward to a time when human divisions will be erased. Yet it is hard to conceive the rapprochement of the Occident and the Orient. Never the twain shall meet, wrote Kipling. It may be that in one sense Kipling was right—that is to say that West and East will never understand each other. But it may be that in another sense, and in a more terrible sense, he was wrong, and that West and East will meet each other in the same manner as colliding trains.

There is another sense in which the meeting of West and East can be considered—namely, in the sense of an interpenetration of ideas which may have disintegrating effects on what we are accustomed to call the Western world.

The Chinese conflict and the Russian upheaval have turned men's attention to the great cleavage between the Occident and the Orient, for the events of China and of Russia interest us all vitally. Russia for all practical purposes must be regarded as essentially Eastern, and the great ferment which spreads from the Baltic Sea to the Pacific Ocean has lately alarmed not only the pure politician but the philosophical thinker.

Paul Valery, a distinguished French writer, a member of the Academy, who expresses himself in somewhat obscure style and therefore is listened to only by the elite, once said that Europe, by which he meant Western Europe, that part of Europe which has been built on Latin-Greek traditions—is merely a little outlying headland of Asia, and may be re-absorbed into the immensely Asiatic world. One need not accept the pessimistic implication of such an epigrammatic statement, but that Western institutions are being attacked more seriously than they have ever been attacked before is apparent. And although the huge American continent and vast Australia, seem in some respects to stand aloof and afar from Western Europe, yet they are, as it were, the offspring and the outposts of Western Europe, and must necessarily be affected by the strange phenomena we are now witnessing.

Chateaubriand a century ago declared that the new danger was not the danger of an invasion of ideas. This is a profound saying. Innumerable hordes may not overrun the Western lands, putting them to fire and to sword, as in the dark ages of history. But a swarm of ideas may come out of the East and sap the bases of Western culture. So-called Communism, as it has manifested itself in Russia, is by no means the Socialism of the German, Karl Marx. Bolshevism may have adopted some of his teachings, but in its essence, Bolshevism is peculiarly Oriental, and has affinities with the vague mystic doctrines of Asia.

Politics Short-sighted.

Politicians must concern themselves with political consequences of the more immediate and perceptible kind, but behind these political consequences, which may be in themselves relatively insignificant, there are intellectual divergences which are beginning to affect the whole body of our social, our religious, our moral, and our mental life.

It is this truth which Henri Massis endeavours to expound in a remarkable work which is entitled in its French form, "Defense de l'Occident." He tries to prove, with considerable success that the Western world has been flooded, of recent years, with Eastern notions, which, whether bad or good in themselves must tend to shatter the foundations of European civilisation. It would be foolish to accept this thesis in its entirety, because Western thought has for many centuries been impregnated with precisely the views which it is now pretended are being exported from the East.

Nevertheless, one can go a long way with the author. One disagrees with him when he suggests that Kant and Luther are in contradiction with the Latin-Greek tradition; and one particularly disagrees with him when he argues that Protestantism, as such, has been borrowed from the East, and because it is opposed to Roman Catholicism is therefore a dissolving force. He overlooks the fact that the greatest of Western lands, including England and the United States, are predominantly Protestant; and are the leaders in the silent warfare that is being waged with Asiaticism in all its shapings.

Certainly it is not my purpose to discuss Western religions, but it may be taken that Protestantism and Roman Catholicism are equally part of the tradition of the West, and equally opposed to that tradition as a barrier against the conceptions of the East. It is a pity that the author spoils his reasoning by taking up a narrow Romanist standpoint.

Let us set aside this erroneous view. The case then becomes the stronger for a distinction to be

BIRTH CONTROL.

OPPOSITION GROWS THROUGH-OUT WORLD.

London, August 13.

At least 20,000,000 women in all parts of the world, are opposed to birth control.

According to the Catholic organ "The Universe," this huge array of women, all members of the International Union of Catholic women's Leagues, have issued through their leaders a combined protest, against the proposed measures of legislation in certain countries, claiming to possess a high standard of culture, which would formally sanction birth prevention.

They make their protest on four grounds:—

(1) Artificial birth control is immoral, and a violation of Divine and natural laws.

(2) It arises from a pagan and purely materialistic view of life, which, denying any future existence, weakens the moral sense and replaces a generous and disinterested outlook by a weak selfishness, which seeks to evade responsibility.

(3) It mocks at the age-long morality of marriage: it tends to weaken the marriage bond, to diminish mutual respect and conjugal fidelity, and leads inevitably, as experience shows, to divorce, to free love, to prostitution, and to abortion.

(4) It undermines the strength of the people. Large families, far from being a danger to society, form its strength. "Artificial birth control," continues the protest, "is an anti-social evil, which must eventually—indeed, rapidly—lead to depopulation. The lessons in history of Greece and of ancient Rome, prove that the fear of childbirth is a certain sign of the decadence of a people seeking to destroy itself."

"The danger of over-population is much exaggerated. In such places where much danger might temporarily exist many remedies may be applied which are not immoral. We may mention, among others, the cultivation of waste lands, of containing oneself with a reasonable standard of living, and the forming of prudent schemes to encourage emigration."—United Press.

drawn between the general conception of personality and of order which prevails in the West, and the conception of mystic impersonality and vague confusion which prevails in Eastern philosophy and religion. One stimulates energy and enterprise. That is why the Western world has gone ahead. The other leads to nothingness, whether it be called Nirvana or Nihilism.

The Material and the Ideal.

Generalities are always in part false, but nobody who has studied the temperaments and teachings of representative Easterners and Westerners can fail to see that these generalities have much validity. There may be exaggerations in Western civilisation. It may be criticised as having laid too much stress on mere mechanism, while Eastern civilisation can be criticised for rejecting the advantages of physical science. On the other side, you have a discouraging occultism with an acceptance of fatalism, which necessarily destroys personal consciousness. On the other side, you may have a too complete separation of spiritual and material things.

Nevertheless, the normal Westerner will not have a moment's hesitation in choosing. But the Russians have hesitated. Their tendency has always been to turn Eastwards rather than Westwards though such mighty monarchs as Peter the Great did their best to bring Russia into the Western world. The Bolsheviks may have made sporadic efforts towards Europe, but on the whole they have only succeeded in becoming less passive Orientals and a spearhead directed towards the heart of Europe.

But what of Germany? Such men as Keyserling indicate a similar destructive movement in Germany. Keyserling represents the negation of intellect, the triumph of occultism.

Personally, I do not think Germany will succumb to Orientalism. The best observers believe that this country, which had the choice of becoming a bulwark against the East, or of becoming a bridge over which Asia might pass into Western Europe, has clearly thrown in its lot with the Occident.

The problem, it will be seen, is not a military problem, or even, in the common meaning, a political problem. It enters into the domain of the thinker, the philosopher, the artist, and the literary man. Asiaticism means a disaggregation of the human personality, a confused loss of being in non-being, an obliteration of social landmarks, a destruction of the hierarchy of values, a decomposition, and a drawing in the great evolutionary ocean of which the Karma is regarded as the tide which washes on the shores of the vast All of the Universe. Never was there a more formidable menace to the deep-rooted traditional Western civilisation.

SHARE IN MURDER.

DYING MAN THROWN INTO DITCH.

Montreal.—Criminal annals in Canada contain nothing surpassing in callousness the conduct of the murderers of Adolphe Bouchard, a taxicab driver, who was done to death on the highway to Malone, New York, after he had been engaged in Montreal to drive two men and a woman to the border.

When his body was found in a ditch by the side of the road blood-stained feminine garments were found not far off, and it was supposed by the police that the woman accompanying the two men had also been murdered. It is now certain that not only was she not murdered, but she actually took part in the murder of the driver, helping to carry the dying man to the ditch into which he was thrown, and staining her clothes with his life blood.

Bouchard was alive when thrown in the ditch, and swallowed over a gallon of water there before he died, according to medical evidence at the inquest. An American immigration inspector broke down the police theory that the woman had been murdered by telling of her arrival at the frontier only partly clothed, so that she had to wrap the limousine rug around her when told to go into the office.

She had apparently been changing her blood-stained clothes on the road, and lacked some duplicate garments.

After the murder the trio drove to Montreal, abandoned the car, re-engaged a room in the Mount Royal Hotel, and for several hours held a celebration, drinking so much champagne that when they left the hotel without paying their bill they owed over \$12.

It is believed that the two men, who gave their names as George Vance, of New York, and Macdonald—both names believed to be fictitious—are white slavers, and that their presence in Montreal was due to an effort to abduct immigrant girls as they disembarked.

GETTING ON.

THE MISTAKES PEOPLE MAKE.

John Blunt writes in the "Daily Mail":—

The danger of making dogmatic statements lies, it seems to me, in the fact that what applies to one person does not always apply to another.

When, therefore, we discuss, as has been discussed recently in this paper, such a question as Does the wearing of glasses hinder a girl in finding employment? one can only answer it by saying that it depends on the employment and it depends on the girl. I have known of girls who have actually taken to wearing spectacles to give them a more sedate appearance, just as I have known girls who, though extremely short-sighted, could not be induced to wear glasses.

Looking Younger.

It is no use laying down a general law. Some people like to look younger than their age, some people like to look older; some people think they can impress others in one way, some people in another. No doubt the aim of every girl is to look attractive, but there again there is no rule by which this result can be attained.

Personality is infinitely varied, and to express one's personality in one's appearance must be a matter of individual choice. Fashion, up to a point, tries to make us look alike, but there is much latitude within the decrees of fashion and a woman can always be both fashionable and individual.

The great mistake is to try to look like something that you are not. That usually creates an unpleasant impression, and I should suppose that it is liable to have a bad effect on one's chances. Nobody cares for the person who is acting a part, and very few people who act parts succeed in doing them well enough not to be seen through.

In short, to be natural is the thing that pays best in the long run. Of course, one must mix prudence with one's naturalness; for instance, it would be quite reasonable for a short-sighted girl not to draw undue attention to the fact if her prospects were concerned—but one must not turn one's prudence into a pose.

Too many people think that they can only get on by constantly spicing others. But that is a profound error.

P.W.D. ARCHITECT RESIGNS.

Mr. Fernando Ocampo, architect of the bureau of public works, Philippines, resigned on August 30 from Government service. His resignation is made effective September 1. Mr. Ocampo was a Government pensionado to the United States and Europe. He was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania.

While in Europe, he took up a course in the Architects' Academy in Rome, Italy. He also studied in Paris, France. At present, he is professor at the Mapas Institute of Technology. The firm of Arguillas, Ocampo, has engaged the services of Mr. Ocampo.

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MEXICO PRESIDENT.

THE PROPHETS GUESSING.

MILITARY CANDIDATES WITH REVOLUTIONARY RECORDS.

Mexico City, Aug. 26.

Mexico's presidential campaign has the prophets guessing. In the three-ringed show of military candidates with revolutionary records the performances are so nearly the same that the spectators are merely cheering known personalities. It is too early to predict who has a new act that will go over when the crowd has grown surfeited with the old stuff.

All three of the candidates are declaring the revolutionary principles of 1910 form the fundamental planks in their platform, but these principles are not being revived or restated with any degree of clarity. Sixteen years have passed since Francisco Madero raised the flag of revolution against Porfirio Diaz with the slogan "Effective Suffrage—No Re-election." Since then a radically different constitution has come into being and the revolutionary principles have undergone evolution. It seems essential that these principles be defined anew.

Generals Arnulfo Gomez and Francisco Serrano are former chiefs of ex-President Obregon and are now combined against the one-armed general on the principal issue of the campaign—"No Re-election." Both have openly denounced the amendment to the Constitution permitting the re-election of a former President, declaring it a legislative manoeuvre in contravention of the spirit of the revolution.

Cannot Succeed Self.

The amendment reads that no president shall succeed himself, thus forbidding consecutive administrations by the same leader, which the Obregon supporters contend preserves the spirit of the revolutionary Constitution, but Gomez and Serrano declare Obregon's candidacy a disavowal of his own revolutionary record and carries a threat that new amendment might permit continued occupancy of the presidential chair.

The anti-re-election convention recently held in Mexico City attacked Obregon's position in no uncertain manner and much spirited talk was heard. The convention nominated Gomez as its candidate when it was decided that no candidate from civil life would really have a chance to win.

Serrano is also running on an anti-re-election platform and he and Gomez have decided jointly to oppose Obregon and to hold another convention in December at which time a show of strength will prove which should continue as the anti-re-election candidate.

The campaign began with a declaration by Obregon that it should be a "guante blanco" affair—a white-gloved or gentlemen's struggle without plunging the country into revolution again. Both the opposing candidates and the press agreed with this sentiment. Since then, however, some bitter language has been heard and the talk now is of the comparative strength of the candidates with the military. Political observers generally agree that this counts heavily.

Hold "Full House."

In this respect observers declare that Obregon, Gomez and Serrano respectively hold a full house, three of a kind and a pair of deuces, pointing out that Obregon wants tranquillity so his winning hand can easily be played and not run against any bluff. Obregon is said to be moving slowly in the belief that he has public opinion with him.

Apart from the real issue of anti-re-election, on which thousands of voters appear to have very definite beliefs, there remains under the surface the intense religious struggle which may form a vital phase in revolutionary activities many observers profess to see impending.

The Gomez anti-re-election Convention adopted a plank of religious freedom, under the law, with absolute separation of Church and State. Whether this means he can count upon support from the Catholic civilian in the event of trouble remains to be seen, but it is obvious that if there are any rebel bands operating under the banner of "Viva Cristo Rey" when a crisis is reached they would follow the leader who appears to offer them most.

Although the election is almost a year distant both Obregon and Gomez have already begun active campaigning, the former in his native State of Sonora and the latter in the State of Vera Cruz, where he was until recently chief of operations.

Favoured By Labour.

It is believed that organized labour and the agrarians, the former pertaining principally to the C.R.O.M., and the latter associated with the same organisation, will favour the candidacy of Obregon, owing to the fact that labour leaders declare both Gomez and Serrano opposed to the C.R.

According to "El Monitor Republicano," new Obregon daily in Mexico City, railroad labour is also supporting Obregon, the organ declaring that they are with Obregon because he promises them "oro y Moro"—i.e., everything—the expression being based on the Spanish legend that when the Moros money for ransom gave out the captors promised debtors both gold and the Moro.

Since the campaign began a great number of small political newspapers, mostly weeklies, have been established. One of these, "La Escoba"—the Broom, strongly favours Obregon and is filled with caricatures of the other candidates that rival the work of Thomas Nast against Horace Greeley or Tweed. "The Machete," a Communist organ of long standing is also favouring Obregon. "El Tribunal," "No-Re-election" and "Grafico Semanario" are against re-election and favour Serrano.

Both "Excelsior" and "El Universal," the largest morning dailies of the capital, are preserving neutrality, while editorially expressing the hope that a peaceful campaign and election can be held.

It is believed in the capital that Obregon will control most of the agrarian vote, owing to his having followed the policy of dividing the great haciendas with a view to creating "ejidos," or small holdings, for the Indian communities and individual families.

It is expected the end of the year will see one candidate with enough strength to assure election.

—United Press.

ABBAY'S NEW GLORIES.

Hidden Beauties Revealed By Renovation Work.

New glimpses of the glories of Westminster Abbey from which the grime of centuries is being removed, were obtained by the crowds who visited the building on August 1.

Already the eastern transept, although still encased in scaffolding, is reappearing in its original whiteness.

Steeple-jacks will shortly inspect and repair the pinnacles of the towers. This will be the most risky of all the work that is to be done, and will probably take about 20 years to complete.

Stone ornaments are crumbling away, and only close examination will reveal the extent of the decay. Wherever necessary the damaged parts will be replaced by new stone. In the restoration of the Henry VIIIth chapel, unsuspected mural works of great beauty have been disclosed, but this work will not be finished until 1932.

An official of the Abbey said to a "Daily Mail" reporter: Anyone who comes back in 20 years from now will have difficulty in recognising the Abbey as he knew it. There is little doubt that when the interior renovation is completed many long-hidden paintings will be revealed.

MAYOR OF MANILA.

Flemon Perez, provincial Governor of Tayabas, generally conceded as the most efficient provincial executive will be recommended for Mayor of Manila by Vicente del Rosario, chief of the executive bureau, it was learned in political circles in the "Manila Times" on August 30.

Chief Del Rosario confirmed this report when seen after his conference with Governor Perez. The Tayabas Governor told Mr. Del Rosario that he does not want the job. Mr. Del Rosario, however, is confident that he can be prevailed upon to accept.



Prince and Baldwin at Ease

This study of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and Premier Baldwin of Great Britain was taken on the deck of the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Australia as she steamed towards the King's Wharf at Quebec where a thunderous welcome awaited the distinguished visitors.

The Prince and the Premier had found a sunny spot at one end of the deck and were enjoying their first good glimpse of the Ancient Capital. Contracting to the peacefulness of this scene the great guns from the Citadel boomed their welcome while thousands of people cheered incessantly from the gaily bedecked docks and shore line.

BETTER ENGLISH.

THE PERILS OF "PIDGIN."

I am not sure who it was invented "pidgin" English but I hate him—if it was a "her" I apologize to "him." It was, in all probability, some shipwrecked sailor who was cast upon the coast of China a century or so ago, and, ready to die of hunger and thirst, gasped out "Want." "Want," the simplest word he knew to express a need. The Chinese peasants standing around the strange white man looked at each other and then, hating the idea of anyone butting in on their well-known civilisation, they all with one accord yelled "Chi!" even in those far-off days meant "Go," "Push Off," "Hop it," "Depart," and so on. These hospitable natives continued to say "Chi" to everything the poor mariner asked for, and so he came to cry "wantchee," "cat-chee," and other abominable words which to-day form the basis of that horrible collection of bad words and grammar known as "pidgin English."

From the above it would appear that if those ignorant, but highly civilised natives had only been a little more polite, the sailor would have continued to address them in fairly good English and that would have become the medium of conversation between the white foreign devils and the honourable inhabitants of the Celestial Empire. Of course the few words spoken by the man from the sea were expanded into a complete language as more foreigners came out here, some shipwrecked, some to avoid

paying creditors at home, some to try and make a fortune out of "the yellow men with the 'chi' accent," and some out of mere curiosity to see a race of men who could talk a language somewhat resembling English.

So we poor sufferers who came out in the present century found that we had to carry on with this quaint medium of conversation since the Chinese knew no other. Some of us quite politely tried for years to learn the language of the country but found that life was too short—in the same way some of us tried to learn to love the wine of the country but found that would have shortened our life.

What I personally object to in this "pidgin" stuff is the lowering effect it has on one's brain power. One has to rearrange one's ideas and put them into a childlike sequence and then speak them in words of one or two syllables. I tell you it simply ruins one's intelligence and thus gives Chinese traders a distinct advantage over us when it comes to driving a bargain. I remember when I went home on leave saying to the vicar that I liked "home more better than abroad," he said nothing but he must have thought that my grammar had suffered in the bad company I had kept; I told a newsboy to "maskee" the change; I ordered a waiter to "catchee one piece chicken"; I refused an invitation to lunch with a "no can do," and I told a chauffeur I wanted no "bobbery." It's surprising how the wretched barbarisms grow on one.

Now I have decided to try to change all this and I mean to write a book for Chinese showing them how easy it is to learn ordinary English. I know that there are already numerous books of this

nature on the market but still I mean to produce a book which will be easier to understand and more helpful than those we have seen before. For instance, most of the books on the "Learning of the English Language in three days" merely lead to the pupil learning such phrases as "Where is the gardener's pen?" "Have you seen the jewels of the marchioness?" or "My aunt's finger has many rings."

My book will cut out all the stuff about irregular verbs, passive voice, third person plural, intransitive mood and so on, and it will go straight to the business of speaking good and proper English. I propose to give a number of useful phrases and sentences suitable for use in various places, and I venture to believe, ladies and gentlemen, that when a Chinese student has mastered the fifty odd pages of my book, he will be able to take his place in any society of foreigners; your cook will be able to join you at dinner, your amah can make up a fourth at bridge and your compradore will enjoy a visit to a Shakespearean play. Here are my chapters with the suitable words for each.

Sports and Games. I am not very good at this game. I scarcely ever play.

It's years since I handled a racquet. I will go to the net. Sorry, old man, I missed that one. I will stand on the base line. I'm awfully sorry. Whose honour is it?

I have pulled into the rough. We are not playing stymies. Call this a five. You have forgotten that stroke in the bunker. Where is the fore-caddie? Why should I pay ten cents for a feater? There is the half-way house, is it not? Whisky soda. Ace up and five towards you. Kobe. Cheerio. Thanks for the game. This is your chit. Tear up that card, please.

Callers. There's a strange man in the hall. No, I have already paid my tax. He demands, with loud knocks, the water rate. Let us promise him something. He has gone fuming. Hello, how are you? You have called just in time for tea. How nice of you. Is that your dog? This is our cat. Let us separate them immediately. We were not there last night. My dear friend, will you not remove your hat? This must be your wig. We are very sorry. Good-bye. We wish you could have stayed for our lovely tea. How do you carry yourself, Mrs. A.? The boy made it; it is not as good as one made in the shop. We go home in 1935. Not long off, is it? Must you go? It is only eight o'clock.

The Theatre. This production is very artistic. That dress cost three hundred of dollars. Those girls are very beautiful. Yes, that is a proper dress. I cannot understand a word they say. The music is very artistic. It is too high-brow. Hush. It will commence. It is only half an hour late. Why don't they shut the door at the back? Here is a late comer. The late comer has broken my ankle. His wife is an elephant also. I cannot find the names in this programme. Here is a beautiful advertisement. I use this toothpaste also. This play has a great length. It is too artistic to comprehend. Which is the way out? Is this the way to the bar, please? I have just stepped into the box of chocolates of the fair lady here. Also I have her husband's hat on my ankle. How tiresome for them. Let us lean on the counter. Have you the dice box? It is your turn to play. Let us go to the dance place forthwith. It is a long way to walk to the motor car. How large is the traffic?

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TOO MANY DRUGS.

3,410,469 PRESCRIPTIONS FOR 847,557 PEOPLE.

A warning against the excessive use of drugs is contained in the quarterly report of Mr. W. A. Appleton, secretary of the General Federation of Trade Unions. He says:—

Care is necessary, while developing the health conscience, to avoid encouraging inordinate desire for drugs. This warning is suggested by the extraordinary increase in medical prescribing for insured persons during 1926. This increase in Barnsley in 23.5 per cent., while in Lincoln it is only 2.9 per cent. In the area covered by the association there are 847,557 persons for whom the panel doctors prescribe, and for these persons 3,410,469 prescriptions have been made up during the year ending November 1926. This represents a disconcerting increase of 72.3 per cent. over the figures for 1920.

A portion, perhaps a large portion, of this increase can be explained and justified, but there will still remain many cases where fresh air, water, and a cheerful spirit would have been just as efficacious as the doctors' drugs.

The report states: "The one big union idea has been tried, and it has failed, both in Great Britain and America. Men fear it because it may mean one big automatic and involve one big strike."

TOURISTS TO ITALY.

AMERICANS TOP LIST OF VISITORS.

Rome, Aug. 13.

Americans top the list among the world's tourists visiting Italy. During June, 3,438 foreign tourists entered Italy, and of this total, 3,218 came from the United States. Among the other nationalities represented in this tourist influx were 1,700 British, 618 Germans, 768 South Americans and 310 French. There were 1,394 visitors from Central Europe and the Balkans.

The figures show that more foreigners are coming to Italy this year than last, in spite of the improved value of the lira and the high cost of living.

During the first six months of this year, 49,000 foreigners entered Italy as against 44,340 in the corresponding period of 1926. The increase in the figures is chiefly represented by the greater number of tourists arriving from the United States.—United Press.

GILMORE SATISFIES.

SECRETARY OF WAR PLEASED WITH HIS WORK.

Washington, Aug. 28.

Complete satisfaction with the work of Acting Governor General Gilmore at Manila was expressed by Dwight F. Davis, Secretary of War, upon his return home from Europe.

The Secretary intimated that there seemed to be no necessity for hurrying the appointment of a successor to the late Governor General Wood under such satisfactory circumstances.

However, the Secretary pointed out, "I don't know the official attitude," declaring that this could be voiced only by President Coolidge.—United Press.

HONG KONG HOTEL VISITORS.

September 5, 1927.

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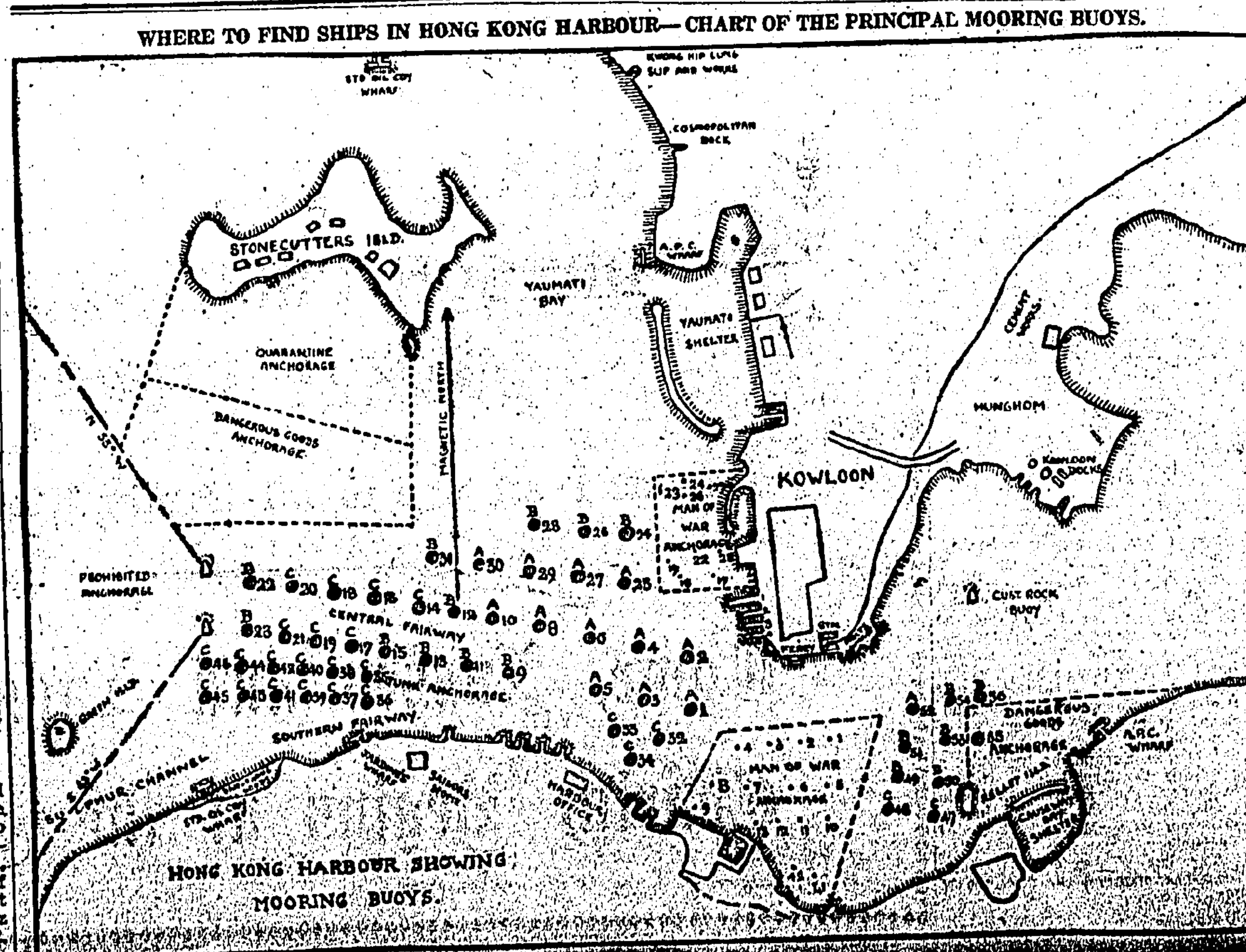
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Mr. J. E. Joseph. Messrs. H. A. Keller, L. K. Kentwell.

Miss H. Lillie. Messrs. Z. N. Marshall, D. A. MacDonald, Mr. and Mrs. H. Machado.

Mr. T. Odgalet. Mr. S. B. Rodger. Dr. E. S. Taylor. Messrs. G. Wragge, T. B. Wilson.

Dining. You are sitting next to me. Pass the salt. The boy has the potatoes over your head. Do not move. What a mess on your beautiful dress. This meat is tough. It is the goat. It gets mine also. The wine is very poor. No more, thank you. The peas are very elusive, are they not? The ice-cream has cold, hasn't it? Shall we join the ladies? Just one more story then. Hal-Hal! I have not heard that one for twelve years. I cannot sing when I am full. Good-night, thanks very much, madam. Sure I will come again, very soon. Good-bye. "Ma-jong" in "Shanghai Times."



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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

Bullock Charges Cyclist.

A cyclist was charged by a bullock which stampeded at Drem railway station, near Hadlington, East Lothian, and two other men were knocked down and injured.

The Australian automatic totalisator was demonstrated successfully before British Members of Parliament at Australia House, London.

In a fire at Newmarket a garage belonging to Mr. G. G. Rowe, of Market Street, and four motor cars were extensively damaged.

London Flour Millers' Association announced on August 2 a reduction of 1s. in the price of standard grade flour in the Home Counties to 45s. per 280lb.

Twenty-five boy actors from Castleford Secondary School, Leeds, left Grimsby on August 3 for Germany, where they are to give performances of English plays.

When told it was a great honour to have lived a hundred years, Mrs. Mary Johnson, of Leicester, who celebrated her 100th birthday on August 1, said: "It depends how you've lived them."

Brave Grandfather.

Wakening at 4 a.m. on August 2, Mr. Charles Farmer, aged 70, of 4, Clifton Wood Terrace, Bristol, found his bedroom filled with smoke. He roused his two grandsons, John, aged 12, and Ronnie, aged 10, who shared the room, but on opening the bedroom door was met with a sheet of flame. Escape by the staircase was cut off, but with a rope of blankets Mr. Farmer lowered the boys safely to the ground. Following the boys down the improvised escape Mr. Farmer collapsed and did not recover consciousness until he had been taken to hospital.

The Queen is greatly interested in the Windsor Town Council scheme for the clearance of the dilapidated property in River Street, under the walls of Windsor Castle. A year or two ago her Majesty went over several of the old houses there and was surprised to see the conditions under which some of the people lived. Since then nearly all the old houses have been pulled down and the residents have removed to new houses erected by the corporation on the outskirts of the town. There was at one time a colony of Italian organ-grinders and ice-cream vendors in River Street, and one little shop still remains.

Woman on Fire.

With her clothes in flames, Miss Aldous, a boarder, dashed from a blazing room in Coram Street, London, W.C., and collapsed on the street steps. She had been cleaning clothes with petrol when the fire occurred. When the fire brigade arrived another woman boarder was shouting from a top-floor window that she was trapped. A fireman climbed the stairs and brought her down.

A German passenger aeroplane crashed to earth outside Amoneburg, the two pilots and three passengers being killed.

Having fallen about 80 feet from his bedroom on an upper floor, Mr. John Allerton, of Bournemouth, was found lying dead in his pyjamas in the courtyard of the Imperial Hotel, Russel Square, London, W.C.

At the wedding of Captain Sir Alexander Stanley, Bart., M.C., of the Welsh Guards, and Miss Dorothy Miller, daughter of Brigadier-General A. D. Miller, C.B.E., D.S.O., Master of the South Oxfordshire Hounds, a huntsman and two whippers-in from the South Oxfordshire Hunt were present at the ceremony to "blow" the young couple away from church.

A Libel Action.

At Cumberland Assizes, damages amounting to £300 were awarded to Alfred Hall, of Seaton, near Workington, Cumberland, schoolmaster, of Seaton Cameron School, in a libel action against Joseph B. Routledge, of Hill Crest, Seaton, also the Cumberland Evening Mail Publishing Company and John Barling, of Warwick Road, Carlisle.

A tit's nest containing five eggs has been found inside the trunk of an oak tree while the tree was being sawn up in an Isle of Wight timber yard. The nest had evidently been built in a cavity in the tree and abandoned, the cavity being covered in by growth. The eggs are intact, the colour and markings being perfect. Judging by the growth of the tree, they are at least thirty years old.

The Marquis and Marchioness Townshend gave a flying house party at Raynham Hall, their country residence, at which the guests included the Lord Mayor of Norwich, the Master of Sempill, Lady Bailey, Lord Saye and Sele, and others interested in aviation. A number of planes were lined up a distance from the hall, and several thousands of people attended to watch the flying.

Hill Climbing Accident.

Whilst climbing up the rocky face of the 500 feet high famous Castle Head, near Keswick, instead of by an easy winding path a young American visitor, Mr. G. B. Wilcox, fell down a rock and broke his left leg. He was accompanied by his sister and another American, Mr. Parker. When about 100 feet up Wilcox slipped back into the Giant's Cradle. Ambulance men had to climb up and get him on a stretcher.

For fishing within the three-miles limit Charles Bocqueld, skipper of a French trawler, was fined £5 and £5 10s. costs and his catch was confiscated, at Lowestoft.

Some of the "tips" given by Lord Inchcape to the cadets of H.M.S. "Worcester," when he distributed the prizes on July 28 were never to get into debt, never to shirk and always to be on the spot, alert and smartly dressed. Lord Inchcape said he remembered that when a boy he greatly resented the leather strap, "but," he added, "I am now convinced it did me a world of good."

Baronet and Diplomat.

A diplomat with a distinguished career, Sir George Bonham, Bart., died on July 31 in his 80th year at his residence, Knowle Park, Cranleigh, Surrey. He succeeded to the baronetcy on the death of his father in 1863, and served in the diplomatic service at the Hague, Rome, Lisbon, and Madrid, and subsequently became Minister at Belgrade, and later at Bern. He retired in 1909. Lady Bonham died in 1923. Sir George is succeeded in the baronetcy by his son, Major Eric Henry Bonham, Comptroller of Prince Arthur's Household.

For using an illicit still at his home in Clark Street, Stepney, E., Jona Granick, a Russian, was fined £100 at Thames Police Court, with the option of two months' imprisonment.

On a charge of embezzling £260 belonging to the Mitcham Urban District Council, by whom he was employed as rent collector, Percy H. Faulkner, 55, Elm Cottage, Graham Avenue, Mitcham, Surrey, was remanded at Croydon on August 2.



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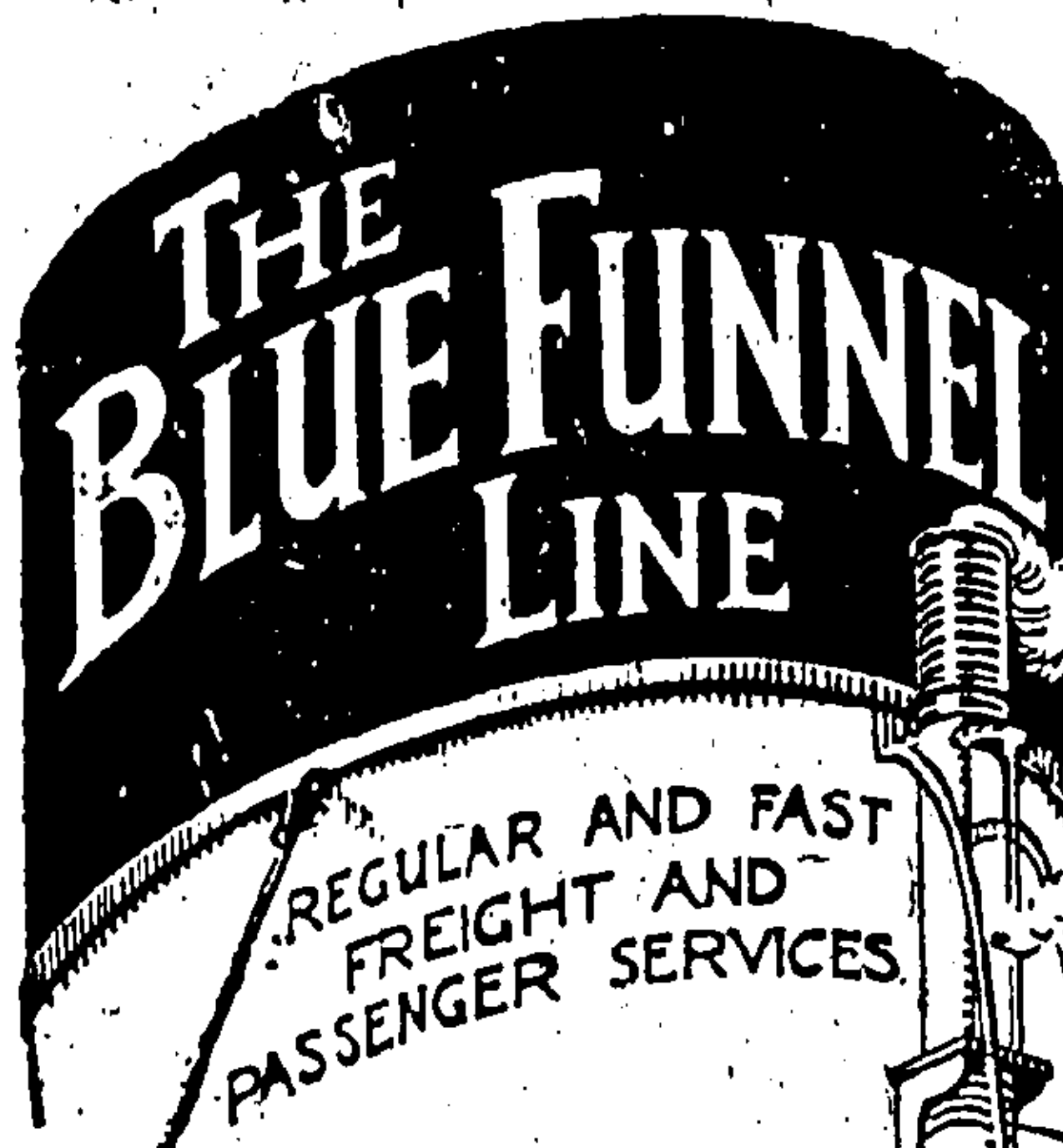
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Straits	Nanking	3.30 p.m.
Samshui & Wuchow	Kong Ning	4.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Sun Kong	5 p.m.
Pakhoi & Haiphong	Elger	5 p.m.
Hoihow	Yan On	5 p.m.
Shanghai	THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8	
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	Yuen Sang	8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Dell Maru	10.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Hydrangea	2.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Glenlue	5 p.m.
Shanghai & Europe Via Siberia	FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9	
Manila & Parais for Germany Via Hamburg	Lycan	10.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE Via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 9th Oct. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.	Oldenburg	3.30 p.m.
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Swatow, Amoy & Fochow	Kamo Maru	10.30 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta. Parcels noon. Letters 1 p.m.	Eurylochus	10.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Hai Ning	Noon
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	Kutsang	1.30 p.m.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand Via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 24th Sept. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (18th Sept.) 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	Hin Sang	1.30 p.m.
Straits & Calcutta. Parcels Noon. Letters 1 p.m.	Hoza Maru	9 a.m.
Amoy	Taijing	
Japan	Nam Sang	
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America, Europe Via Vancouver, B.C.—due Vancouver, 2nd Oct. & Europe Via Siberia. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration 9.15 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.	Lai Sang	5 p.m.
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Not only this but the company has also in the course of preparation race tracks at Harringay and Edinborough and others in contemplation in various parts of the country. In each case the cost of laying down the special track will be approximately the same as at the White City.

More Than Satisfied.

The company has not appealed to the public for funds, but according to the files at Somerset House it has authority to issue debentures up to £100,000 with a premium of 12 per cent.

Shareholders of the Greyhound Racing Association express themselves as more than satisfied with the progress and prospective gain from their investment, for, as one important official put it, "the attendance of the public has exceeded all expectations."

While it is impossible to estimate the net receipts from the public and supporters of the Greyhound Racing Association, some idea of the gross receipts, so far as the White City is concerned, can be gained from the following figures:—

Weekly attendance, say, 125,000, at an average of 3s. per head (there are four "rings"—1s. 2d., 2s. 6d., 5s., and 10s.)

Total receipts for season of 20 weeks£18,750

In addition to this source of income it has to be remembered that the association issues programmes, takes advertisements, and so forth.

Heavy Expenses.

Against this very handsome income for a company with an issued share capital of £2,236 5s., there are of course heavy expenses. It is stated for instance that the yearly rental of the White City alone runs into five figures, while a whole host of officials are maintained and each of the six directors takes £500 a year with £100 extra for the chairman. These particular officials are:

Sir William B. Gentle, one time chief constable of Brighton, chairman.

Brig.-Gen. A. C. Critchley, managing director.
Mr. Robt. Grant, jun.
Major L. L. Dixon.
Mr. F. A. Lumley; and
Mr. F. S. Gentle.

On the other hand the details of income given above only refer to the White City and the total income of the company will be greatly enhanced when the Edinborough track is opened in a few days' time and the Harringay track at no distant date.

Other companies have been formed for the provision of greyhound racing tracks and wherever these have been established there is the same story of immense public interest and presumably great profit to the promoters.

In Sheffield it is estimated that since the racing track was opened on May 23 at least 160,000 people have paid for admission, making an average attendance per meeting of 5,500. During the last few weeks the number of people attending has steadily in-

WORLD CINEMA.

Proposal Before League of Nations.

INSTITUTE AT ROME.

International Educative Value Of Films Stressed.

Geneva, Yesterday.

The cinema may come into its own as a world force following an announcement by the Italian delegate to the League Assembly that the Italian Government wishes to establish an international educative cinema institute in Rome under the auspices of the League.

The Italian Government has offered the historic Stamperia Palace to house the institute and also to provide the first instalment of the money for its establishment and maintenance. The task of the institute would be the collection of information on problems affecting the cinema at the provision of opportunities for the mutual interchange of all films of educational value, as for instance films dealing with historical and archaeological subjects.

The proposal has been placed on the Assembly agenda.—Reuter.

FLIGHT TO BRAZIL.

REDFERN LAST SEEN OFF VENEZUELA.

New Orleans, Yesterday.

The Norwegian steamer "Christian Krogh" has established the fact that Redfern was within 165 miles off the coast of Venezuela on August 23. He circled the ship, asking the officers to point the direction to the nearest land.

The following telegrams refer to the beginning of Redfern's attempt:—

Brunswick, Georgia, Aug. 25.

Flying in a Stinson-Detroler monoplane, the "Port of Brunswick," the aviator Paul Redfern started from the beach at Glyn Isle on a 4,600-mile non-stop flight to Brazil.

Later.

Redfern's objective is Rio de Janeiro, but he hopes at least to reach Pernambuco, whereby he will try for the long distance and endurance record.—Reuter's American Service.

DARWIN'S HOME.

TO BE PURCHASED FOR THE NATION.

London, Yesterday.

Following Sir Arthur Keith's presidential announcement at the annual meeting of the British Association, Dr. George Buckton Browne has telegraphed offering to buy Darwin's home for the nation.

The Association has accepted the offer.—Reuter.

[At the annual meeting Sir Arthur announced that the Council of the Association intended to arrange the purchase of Charles Darwin's house and its surroundings in Bromley, Kent for the nation as a memorial to Darwin.]

The Oliver Typewriter Company's decision to acquire the goodwill and plant of the American concern and manufacture the machine in London as a purely British production is explained by W. M. Davies, Manager of the company, who said: "We are having the plant sent over from America and the machines will be produced here by British capital and labour. It is also our intention to sell in America where there is no duty on imported typewriters." The manufacture will be started early in the summer and give employment to many men.

Increased and for each of the last five weeks 7,000 people have been present.

The average attendance at the Leeds greyhound race meetings, has been about 5,000. The lowest charge for admission is 6d. and the highest 2s., inclusive of tax. The capital of the company is £25,000, which is fully subscribed, and so far no shares have been in the market.

KEVIN O'HIGGINS.

Compensation For Widow & Children.

£20,000 VOTED.

Dail Eireann Grant To Be Invested By Trustees.

Dublin.

A sum of £20,000 was voted without discussion in Dail Eireann, the Free State Parliament, as compensation to the widow and children of Mr. Kevin O'Higgins, the Vice-President of the Executive Council, who was assassinated. The money will be invested by trustees for the benefit of the late statesman's family.

Other Widows.

How the widows of other servants of the Empire who have met violent deaths have been treated by the Government is shown below:

Lady Stack, the widow of Sir Lee Stack, the Sirdar or Commander-in-Chief of the Egyptian Army, who was assassinated in Cairo in November 1924, was granted £40,000 out of the £500,000 Egyptian indemnity to those who suffered as a result of the attack on the Sirdar.

Lady Wilson, widow of Field-Marshal Sir Henry Wilson, who was assassinated by Irish gunmen in London in June 1922, was entitled as a field-marshal's widow to a £300 a year pension. Unsuccessful efforts were made by people of all shades of political opinion to have it increased.

Lady Mayo, the widow of Lord Mayo, who while Governor-General of India was killed by an Indian convict, received £1,000 a year pension from the Imperial Exchequer, £1,000 a year from India, and a grant of £20,000 for herself and younger children.

THE WORLD FLIGHT.

ITINERARY MAPPED OUT BY PILOTS.

COMING TO HONG KONG.

Calcutta, Yesterday.

Brock and Schlee have rejected Mr. Easterwood's Hong Kong to Dallas offer and have finally decided that the "Pride of Detroit" will fly via Rangoon, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Tokyo and then to America.—Reuter.

Non-Stop to Rome.

Old Orchard (Maine), Yesterday.

An aeroplane named "Old Glory," piloted by Mr. Lloyd Bertand and James Hill took off at six this evening London time in an attempt to fly without a stop to Rome.—Reuter's American Service.

Still Delayed.

London, Yesterday.

A message from Corunna states that owing to unsettled weather conditions Capt. Courtney has again postponed his departure on the next stage of his trans-Atlantic flight. Thick fog and electrical disturbances are reported between Corunna and the Azores.—British Wireless Service.

Left for Rangoon.

Calcutta, Yesterday.

The "Pride of Detroit" has left for Rangoon.—Reuter.

ORDNANCE CHIEF.

TO CONTROL MECHANISED WAR VEHICLES.

It is learned that Lt.-General Sir Webb Gillman, who is taking over the duties of Master of Ordnance next month, is to be responsible for all mechanical vehicles connected with the army—transport tanks and dragons—in addition to the design of guns and all fighting devices. This means that the mechanical engineering of the whole army is to be controlled. There will be no alteration in responsibility for transport in the ordinary services. The saving effected by having a centralised authority dealing with mechanisation rather than three authorities is one of the factors considered, apart from increased efficiency.—British Wireless Service.

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